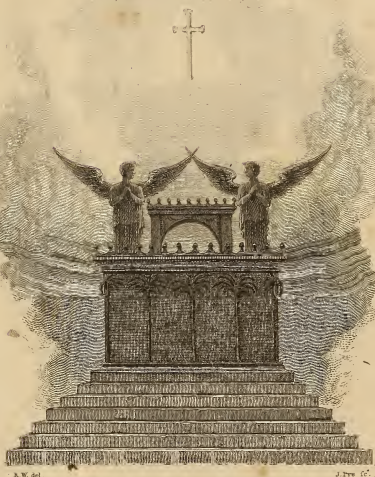


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PREFACE.

THE plan of this little work has been to collect, into small compass, some of the most important Maxims and Rules of Conduct that are laid down in the Sacred Writers; to arrange these under appropriate heads, in such manner that they should read connectedly with each other, preserving, as nearly as it was possible, the integrity of the text. The Editor conceived that the instruction capable of being thus brought together was not only abundant, but that it might be made, in the highest degree, interesting. Whether he has succeeded in his design, or whether he has deceived himself in this opinion, it is not for him to decide. All the commendation he can expect from the work is for good intention,

and a desire of, at least, rendering himself useful.

It will be observed that he has sometimes changed the person, in order to render the reading of the passages in succession less abrupt; and that, in a few instances, but in as few as possible, he has inserted connecting particles. In all these cases, however, he has been careful to preserve, according to the best of his judgment, the true sense of the Scriptures.

All the passages that are in the words of our Blessed Lord are characterized by inverted commas.



NOTE.

The Hands of God, must, in all cases, be considered to express his power.

The Eyes of God,—his omnipresence, care, and superintending Providence.

The Mouth of God,—his commands.

The Bowels of God,—his tender compassion, &c. &c.

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INTRODUCTION.

MY son, attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes: keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life to those that find them, and health to all their flesh¹.

If thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee: then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God².

My son, gather instruction from thy youth up; so shalt thou find wisdom in thine old age³.

Let thy mind be upon the ordinances of the Lord, and meditate continually on his commandments: he shall establish thine heart, and give thee wisdom at thine own desire⁴.

Remember thy Creator, in the days of thy youth: while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, "I have no pleasure in them⁵."

Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes⁶.

Meditate on all his works, and talk of his doings⁷.

Acquaint thyself with God, and be at peace: thereby shall good come unto thee. Receive, I

pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart⁸.

Lay up these words in thine heart, and in thy soul; and teach them unto thy children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up⁹.

“Search the Scriptures,” (saith Christ to the Jews) for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me¹⁰.”

“These things were written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life¹¹.”

Be mindful of the words which were spoken before of the holy prophets; and of the commandment of the apostles¹².

Receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls¹³.

Prove all things: hold fast that which is good¹⁴.

Give earnest heed to the things which ye have heard, lest at any time ye should let them slip¹⁵.

Continue in the things which ye have learned and been assured of; knowing that the holy Scriptures are able to make you wise unto salvation¹⁶.

Be always ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you¹⁷.

But be not carried away with divers and strange doctrines: for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace¹⁸.

Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do but gender strife¹⁹.

Avoid profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called, which some professing, have erred concerning the faith ²⁰.

If any man consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ; and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing ²¹.

If any man obey not the word of God, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed ²².

See that ye refuse not him who speaketh: for if they escaped who refused him (Moses) who spake on earth; much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him (Jesus Christ) who speaketh from heaven ²³.

The Excellence of Wisdom.

WHERE shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living ²⁴.

It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof ²⁵.

It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx or the sapphire ²⁶.

The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold ²⁷.

The price of wisdom is above rubies: the topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it ²⁸.

All the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it ²⁹.

Wisdom is glorious and never fadeth away; yet

she is easily seen of them that love her, and found of such as seek her³⁰.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy is every one that retaineth her³¹.

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CHAP. I.

THE ATTRIBUTES AND WORKS OF GOD.

HEAR, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord¹.

He is God, in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath².

Before him there was no God, neither shall be after him³.

He is the first and the last, and besides him there is no God⁴.

Unto him may nothing be added, neither can be diminished; and he hath no need of any counsellor⁵.

A thousand years in his sight are but as yesterday when it is passed, and as a watch in the night⁶.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made; even from everlasting to everlasting he is God⁷.

One day is with the Lord as a thousand years; and a thousand years as one day⁸.

We know that there is none other God but one; for though there be that are called gods, yet to us there is but one God⁹.

His throne is for ever and ever¹⁰.

1. *God the Maker of all Things.*

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth¹¹.

God formed the light, and created darkness¹².

By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens¹³.

He gave the sun for a light by day; and ordained the moon and the stars for a light by night¹⁴.

He hath made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host; the earth and all things that are therein, the seas and all that is therein, and he preserveth them all¹⁵.

In the beginning, when the earth was made before the borders of the world stood, or ever the winds blew; before it thundered or lightened, or ever the foundations of paradise were laid; before

the fair flowers were seen, or the moveable powers were established: then did God consider these things, and they were all made through him alone, and through none other¹⁶.

He spake the word and they were made: he commanded and they were created¹⁷.

Ask the beasts and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not that the hand of the Lord hath wrought all these? in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind¹⁸.

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the whole world, and they that dwell therein¹⁹.

Who causeth it to rain on the earth, where no man is? On the wilderness, where there is no man, to satisfy the desolate and waste ground, and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?—Whence cometh the ice? and the hoar-frost of heaven, who hath gendered it²⁰.

And there are yet hid greater things than these be: for we have seen but few of his works²¹.

Surely vain are all men by nature, who are ignorant of God's works, and cannot, out of the things that are seen, know him that is²².

By him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, principalities or powers: all things were created by him and for him²³.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning, hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thine hands. They shall perish, but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old, as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail²⁴.

2. The Beauty and Excellence of the Works of God.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy-work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard: their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words unto the end of the world²⁵.

The sun that giveth light by day looketh upon all things; and the work thereof is full of glory²⁶.

Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it. It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the Most High have fashioned it²⁷.

The works of the Lord are done in judgment from the beginning: and from the time he made them, he disposed the parts thereof. None of them hindereth another; and they never disobey his word. The Lord looked upon the earth, and filled it with blessings, with all manner of good things hath he covered the face thereof; and they shall return into it again²⁸.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works that they ought to be had in remembrance²⁹.

Who shall be filled with beholding the glory of the Lord³⁰?

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all. The earth is full of thy riches: so is the great and wide sea also; wherein are things creeping, innumerable, both small and great beasts³¹.

O Lord my God, how great are the wondrous works which thou hast done! If I should (attempt to) declare them and speak, of them, they would be more than I am able to express³².

Blessed be thy glorious name (O Lord), which is exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou, even thou, art Lord alone³³.

3. *The Majesty, Perfection, Power, and Wisdom of God.*

HE is a great God, and a great king, above all gods³⁴.

Who shall number the strength of his majesty? and who shall tell out his mercies? As for the wondrous works of the Lord, there may nothing be taken from them, neither may any thing be put to them, neither can the ground of them be found out³⁵.

The whole world before God, is as a little grain of the balance; yea, as a drop of the morning dew that falleth down upon the earth³⁶.

The Lord is terrible, and very great, and marvellous is his power³⁷.

If men are astonished at the power and works of God, let them understand by them, how much mightier is he that made them. For, by the greatness and beauty of the creatures, proportionably the maker of them is seen³⁸.

Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars how high they are³⁹!

The heaven, and the heaven of heavens, cannot contain him⁴⁰.

Who is like unto the Lord? glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders⁴¹.

Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God⁴²?

Canst thou, by searching, find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven, what canst thou do? Deeper than hell, what canst thou know? He exceedeth the length of the earth, and is broader than the sea ⁴³.

O Lord, my God, thou art exceeding glorious, thou art clothed with majesty and honour ⁴⁴!

O Lord, our governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world! thou hast set thy glory above the heavens ⁴⁵.

Thy righteousness is very high; and great things are they which thou hast done: O Lord, who is like unto thee ⁴⁶?

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye mighty, ascribe unto the Lord glory and power ⁴⁷.

Ascribe ye greatness unto God our rock: his work is perfect, and all his ways are judgment ⁴⁸.

Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven ⁴⁹.

The eyes of the Lord are ten thousand times brighter than the sun, beholding the ways of men ⁵⁰.

He looketh to the ends of the earth; and seeth under the whole heaven ⁵¹.

His eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good ⁵².

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man

looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart ⁵³.

He searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts ⁵⁴.

No thought escapeth God, neither is any word hidden from him ⁵⁵.

Say not thou, "I will hide myself from the Lord: shall any remember me from above? I shall not be remembered among so many people ⁵⁶."

Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and say, "Who seeth us? who knoweth us?" Shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, "he hath no understanding ⁵⁷?"

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him?" saith the Lord; "Do not I fill heaven and earth ⁵⁸?"

The works of all flesh are before the Lord; and nothing can be hid from his eyes. He seeth from everlasting to everlasting; and there is nothing wonderful before him ⁵⁹.

He worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth ⁶⁰.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder. It is the Lord that ruleth the sea. The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty ⁶¹.

By his commandment he maketh the snow to fall apace; and sendeth swiftly the lightnings of his judgment. At his sight the mountains are shaken⁶².

He causeth vapours to ascend from the earth, and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain; bringing the winds out of his treasures⁶³.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary⁶⁴?

He hath established the world by his wisdom; and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion⁶⁵.

All nations before the Lord are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity⁶⁶.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory is above the heavens⁶⁷.

Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not⁶⁸?

As he hath thought, so shall it come to pass; and as he hath purposed, so shall it stand⁶⁹.

Who is so great a God as our God⁷⁰?

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord; and thou art exalted above all; and thou reignest over all, and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine

hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all ⁷¹.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory ⁷².

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments; his ways are past finding out ⁷³.

He is far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but in that which is to come ⁷⁴.

He is the blessed and only potentate; the king of kings, and lord of lords: who dwelleth in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen nor can see ⁷⁵.

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CHAP. II.

THE GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

1. *God the Governor and Preserver of all Things.*

THE eyes of the Lord are always upon us, from the beginning of the year, even unto the end of the year¹.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good².

God holdeth our soul in life³.

He will be our guide even unto death⁴.

He visiteth the earth, and blesseth it; and maketh it very plenteous⁵.

He crowneth the year with goodness, and his clouds drop fatness⁶.

God giveth rain upon the earth; and sendeth waters upon the fields⁷.

He causeth grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that he may bring food out of the earth⁸.

He crowneth the year with his goodness; so that the pastures are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered with corn⁹.

A man need not say, what is this? Wherefore is that? For God hath made all things for their uses. His blessing covereth the dry land as a river, and watereth it as a flood¹⁰.

How could any thing have endured if it had not been his will? or been preserved if not called by him¹¹.

Fire and hail, snow and vapour, wind and storm, fulfil his word¹².

He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again. He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way¹³.

He putteth down one, and setteth up another¹⁴.

He killeth, and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. He maketh

poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up ¹⁵.

He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty ¹⁶.

The Lord maketh wars to cease in all the earth: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire ¹⁷.

By him kings reign, and princes decree justice ¹⁸.

He is the Lord our God, which teacheth us to profit, which leadeth us by the way that we should go ¹⁹.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high: and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth ²⁰?

He is about our path, and about our bed; and spieth out all our ways ²¹.

In him we live, and move, and have our being ²².

“Take therefore no thought for your life what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body what ye shall put on.—Behold the fowls of the air: they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they ²³.

Consider the lilies of the field: they toil not,

neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you²⁴?

“ Therefore take no thought, saying, ‘ what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be clothed?’ For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you²⁵.

2. *The Goodness, Mercy, Faithfulness, Justice, and Truth of God.*

HE is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works²⁶.

The mercy of the Lord is upon all flesh: he reproveth, and nurtureth, and teacheth, and bringeth again, as a shepherd his flock²⁷.

He is a father of the fatherless, and he defendeth the cause of the widows: even God, in his holy habitation²⁸.

Like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him. For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but dust²⁹.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor

rewarded us according to our wickednesses. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him ³⁰.

The Lord chasteneth them by little and little that offend; and warneth them, by putting them in remembrance wherein they have offended, that, leaving their wickedness, they may believe on him ³¹.

He is gracious, and merciful, slow to anger ³².

Thus saith the Almighty Lord: "Have I not prayed you, as a father his sons, and as a mother her daughters, and a nurse her young babes, that ye would be my people, and I should be your God? that ye should be my children, and I should be your father ³³.

"As I live (saith the Lord God), I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked should turn from his evil way and live ³⁴."

The Most High is called merciful, and he pardoneth: for, if he did not so of his goodness, that they, which have committed iniquities, might be eased of them, the ten thousandth part of men should not remain living ³⁵.

He is a God of the afflicted, an helper of the oppressed, an upholder of the weak, a protector of the forlorn, a saviour of them that are without hope ³⁶.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits³⁷.

For he loveth all things that are, and abhorreth nothing which he has made: for never would he have made any thing, if he had hated it³⁸.

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens, and thy faithfulness unto the clouds³⁹.

Thou, O God, art gracious and true; long-suffering, and in mercy ordaining all things. If we sin we are thine, knowing thy power; but let us not sin, knowing that we are counted thine. For to know thee is perfect righteousness; yea, to know thy power, is the root of immortality⁴⁰.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness; and thy law is the truth⁴¹.

Thou rewardest every man according to his work⁴².

Righteous is the Lord, and upright are his judgments.—For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways⁴³.

God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment⁴⁴.

He that is Lord of all shall fear no man's person, neither shall he stand in awe of any man's greatness; for he hath made the small and great, and careth for all alike⁴⁵.

He accepteth not the persons of princes, nor

regardeth the rich more than the poor: for they are all the work of his hands⁴⁶.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord⁴⁷.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways; and holy in all his works⁴⁸.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men⁴⁹.

Praise the Lord: sing praises, lustily, unto him with a good courage. For the word of the Lord is true; and all his works are faithful⁵⁰.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever⁵¹.

Whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free⁵².

He that doeth wrong, shall receive for the wrong which he hath done⁵³.

God is no respecter of persons; but, in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him⁵⁴.

With him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning⁵⁵.

He hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness⁵⁶.

Just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints⁵⁷!

Blessed be the God, and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings⁵⁸.

3. *God loveth the Righteous, and hateth the Wicked.*

KNOW that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly⁵⁹.

He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to all them that walk uprightly⁶⁰.

Who hath hardened himself against God, and hath prospered⁶¹.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them; and saveth them out of all their troubles⁶².

But he turneth a fruitful land into barrenness for the wickedness of them that dwell therein⁶³.

The Lord directeth a good man's going; and delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand⁶⁴.

The Lord alloweth the righteous; but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor⁶⁵.

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh his enemies to be at peace with him⁶⁶.

God disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that they are not able to perform the things they take in hand. They meet with darkness in the

day time, and grope in the noon-day, as in the night ⁶⁷.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil; to root out the remembrance of them from the earth ⁶⁸.

“ I have been young (saith David) and now am old; and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread ⁶⁹.”

Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely it shall be well with them that fear the Lord ⁷⁰.

The blessing of the Lord is in the reward of the godly; and suddenly he maketh his blessing to flourish ⁷¹.

The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked; but he blesseth the habitation of the just ⁷².

The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord; but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness ⁷³.

A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord; but a man of wicked devices will he condemn ⁷⁴.

The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity ⁷⁵.

Say not “ I have sinned, and what harm hath happened unto me ?” For the Lord is long-suffering, he will in no wise let thee go ⁷⁶.

Say not “ his mercy is great, he will be pa-

cified for the multitude of my sins:" for mercy and wrath come from him, and his indignation resteth upon sinners⁷⁷.

The Lord shall destroy the wicked; they shall perish through their own imaginations: he shall cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness, for they have rebelled against him. —The Lord will give his blessing unto the righteous; and with his favourable kindness will he defend him as with a shield⁷⁸.

O ye that love the Lord, see ye hate the thing that is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints, he shall deliver them from the hands of the ungodly⁷⁹.

The righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance will behold the thing that is just⁸⁰.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness⁸¹.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil⁸².

He loveth righteousness, and hateth iniquity⁸³.

His mercy is on them that fear him, from generation to generation⁸⁴.

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CHAP. III.

THE NATURE AND CONDITION OF MAN IN
CONSEQUENCE OF HIS FALL.1. *The original State and the Fall of Man.*

THE Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul¹.

He made him little lower than the angels to crown him with glory and honour².

God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them³.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth⁴."

And the Lord God planted a garden eastward, in Eden;—and he put the man whom he had formed into the garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it⁵.

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of

good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die⁶.”

The serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty⁷.

And she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat⁸.

And the Lord God said unto the woman,—
“Because thou hast done this, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception: in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee⁹.”

And unto Adam he said, “Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Thorns also, and thistles, shall it bring forth to thee. In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground, for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return¹⁰.”

Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken¹¹.

Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned¹².

By one man's disobedience many were made sinners¹³.

2. *The Sinfulness, Weakness, Ignorance, and Insufficiency of Man.*

There is not a man upon earth that doeth good, and sinneth not ¹⁴.

The children of men are corrupt; they have done abominable works. There is none that doeth good. They are all gone aside: they are altogether become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no not one ¹⁵.

The heart of the sons of men is full of evil; and madness is in their heart while they live ¹⁶.

The heart of man is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it ¹⁷?

Who can say, "I have made my heart clean, I am pure from sin ¹⁸?"

What is man that he should be clean? or he that is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? How abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water ¹⁹!

We are all as an unclean thing; and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags ²⁰.

Our goodness is as a morning cloud; and, as the early dew, it goeth away ²¹.

The children of men are deceitful upon the weights; they are altogether lighter than vanity itself ²².

We wait for light, but behold obscurity; for

brightness, but we walk in darkness; we grope for the wall like the blind; we stumble at noon-day as in the night ²³.

The whole world lieth in wickedness ²⁴.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us ²⁵.

“ From within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man ²⁶.”

The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other ²⁷.

The carnal mind is at enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God: so that they that are in the flesh cannot please God ²⁸.

There is none righteous, no not one ²⁹.

3. *The Shortness, the Vanity, Uncertainty, and Troubles of Human Life.*

We are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are as a shadow ³⁰.

The days of man are but as grass: he flourisheth as a flower of the field. For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more ³¹.

Our days are swifter than a post. They are passed away as the swift ships³².

Our time is a very shadow that passeth away ; and after our end there is no returning³³.

The days of our age are three score years and ten ; and, though men be so strong that they come to four score years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow, so soon passeth it away and we are gone³⁴.

There are some who think that their houses shall continue for ever, and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another, and call the lands after their own names. Nevertheless man will not abide in honour, seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish. This is their foolishness, and their posterity approve their sayings³⁵.

If a man live many years, and rejoice in them all ; yet let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. All that cometh is vanity³⁶.

Men of low degree are vanity ; and men of high degree are a lie³⁷.

Verily every man, at his best state, is altogether vanity³⁸.

We pass away out of the world as grasshoppers, and our life is astonishment and fear³⁹.

What is man, and whereto serveth he ? The number of a man's days are, at most, an hundred

years. As a drop of water unto the sea, and a gravel stone in comparison of the sand; so are a thousand years to the days of eternity⁴⁰.

Who knoweth what is good for man in this life: all the days of his vain life, which he spendeth as a shadow⁴¹?

What profit hath a man of all the labour that he taketh; and of the vexation of his heart wherein he hath laboured under the sun⁴²?

Man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain. He heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them⁴³.

As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return, to go as he came; and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. In all points as he came so shall he go⁴⁴.

Man is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not⁴⁵.

Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward⁴⁶.

Man knoweth not his time: but as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, so are the sons of men snared in an evil time when it falleth suddenly upon them⁴⁷.

When thou (Lord) hidest thy face they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath they die and are turned again to their dust⁴⁸.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep, and fade away suddenly, like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered⁴⁹.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away⁵⁰.

Go to now, ye that say "to-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy, and sell, and get gain:" whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? it is even (as) a vapour which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away⁵¹.

Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come⁵².

O that men were wise! That they would understand this! That they would consider their latter end⁵³!

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CHAP. IV.

THE REDEMPTION AND RESURRECTION OF MAN.

1. *The Redemption of Man.*

SINCE by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead: for, as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive¹.

As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners; so, by the obedience of one, shall many be made righteous².

God, who, at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in time past, unto the fathers by the prophets, hath, in these last days, spoken

unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things³.

He spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all⁴.

It behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead, that repentance and remission of sins might be preached in his name among all nations⁵!

God, having raised up his son Jesus, sent him to bless us, in turning away every one of us from his iniquities⁶.

“The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost⁷.”

By his stripes ye were healed⁸.

He, of God, is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption⁹.

Through his name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins¹⁰.

We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; wherein he hath abounded towards us¹¹.

By him all that believe are justified from all things from which they could not be justified by the law of Moses¹².

He hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel¹³.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all

acceptation, that “ Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ¹⁴.”

This is the record that God hath given to us, eternal life, and this life is in his Son ¹⁵.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life;—that the world through him might be saved ¹⁶.

He hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son;—having made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light ¹⁷.

Wherefore let us lay apart all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save our souls ¹⁸.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation ¹⁹.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people;—that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;—that we might serve him, without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life ²⁰.

Blessed be the God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the

dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away²¹.

Thanks be to God who hath given us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ²².

2. *Who the Redeemer is.*

The day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace²³.

By him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible: whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities or powers. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist²⁴.

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.—All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made²⁵.

The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth²⁶.

The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ²⁷.

Moses truly said unto the fathers, “a prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me, him shall ye hear, in whatsoever things he shall say unto you: and

it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people²⁸.”

Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy²⁹.

“The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes³⁰.”

We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding that we may know him that is true: and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life³¹.

To us there is but one God, the Father of all things; and one Lord Jesus Christ³².

He is Lord of all³³.

And over all, God blessed for ever and ever³⁴.

Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory³⁵.

Hereby perceive we the love of God for us, because he laid down his life for us³⁶.

“I am Alpha, and Omega, the beginning, and the ending,” saith the Lord, “which is,

and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty³⁷."

"I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death³⁸."

3. *The Nature, Offices, Authority, and Power of Christ.*

God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons³⁹.

The Father gave him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as he hath given him⁴⁰.

For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil⁴¹.

He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works⁴².

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners⁴³.

"The son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost⁴⁴."

He hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust⁴⁵.

He was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification⁴⁶.

He hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God⁴⁷.

“ The son of man came to give his life a ransom for many⁴⁸. ”

He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross⁴⁹.

Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps⁵⁰.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us⁵¹.

Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation⁵².

God hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained: whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead⁵³.

It is he which was ordained of God to be the judge of quick and dead⁵⁴.

Christ is the head of the church, and the saviour of the body⁵⁵.

He both died, and rose and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living⁵⁶.

He took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham⁵⁷.

We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities, but he was, in all points, tempted like as we are, yet without sin ⁵⁸.

For, in that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted ⁵⁹.

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world ⁶⁰.

Such an high priest became us, who was holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens ⁶¹.

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth ⁶².

This is the stone which was set at nought by the builders, which is become the head of the corner: neither is there salvation in any other. For there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we can be saved ⁶³.

There is one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ ⁶⁴.

Other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ ⁶⁵.

God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his son ⁶⁶.

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever—is able to save them to the uttermost

that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for us ⁶⁷.

He is the blessed and only potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen nor can see ⁶⁸.

In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily ⁶⁹.

He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end ⁷⁰.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with spiritual blessings, in heavenly places in Christ ⁷¹.

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever ⁷².

4. *The Holy Ghost and its Operations.*

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you ⁷³?

“Except a man be born again of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God ⁷⁴.”

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law—that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith ⁷⁵.

Through him we have an access, by one Spirit, unto the Father⁷⁶.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God⁷⁷.

We, through the Spirit, wait for the hope of righteousness by faith⁷⁸.

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal⁷⁹.

The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities. For we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us according to the will of God⁸⁰.

The Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God⁸¹.

“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit⁸².”

He that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting⁸³.

The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth⁸⁴.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance⁸⁵.

5. The Resurrection of Man from the Dead.

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this to the judgment⁸⁶.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality⁸⁷.

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead: for, as in Adam, all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive⁸⁸.

There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just, and of the unjust⁸⁹.

“The hour is coming in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation⁹⁰.”

“Then shall they see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth, to the uttermost part of heaven⁹¹.”

He who raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also⁹².

God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him⁹³.

And he hath brought life and immortality to light by the gospel⁹⁴.

God hath delivered us from the power of

darkness, and translated us unto the kingdom of his dear Son; having made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light⁹⁵.

The Lord Jesus Christ shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself⁹⁶.

Seeing then that all things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness; looking for, and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat⁹⁷.

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CHAP. V.

THE DUTY OF MAN TOWARDS GOD.

THUS saith the Lord, “ Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches : but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me that I am the Lord, which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth ¹.”

My son, be mindful of the Lord our God all thy days, and let not thy will be set to sin, or to transgress his commandments. Do uprightly all thy life long, and follow not the ways of unrighteousness ².

The knowledge of the commandments of the Lord is the doctrine of life ; and they that do things that please him shall receive the fruit of the tree of immortality ³.

Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth : while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, “ I have no pleasure in them ⁴.”

Prepare thine heart unto the Lord and serve him ⁵.

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good ; and what doth the Lord thy God require of thee,

but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God⁶?

Meditate on all his works, and talk of his doings⁷.

Strive for the truth unto death, and the Lord shall fight for thee⁸.

Make no tarrying to turn to the Lord, and put not off from day to day; for suddenly shall the wrath of the Lord come forth, and in thy security thou shalt be destroyed and perish in the day of vengeance⁹.

Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God in not keeping his commandments and his judgments and his statutes¹⁰.

Turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart, and turn ye not aside¹¹.

Say not thou, "I will hide myself from the Lord: shall any remember thee from above? I shall not be remembered among so many people; for what is my soul among such an infinite number of creatures?" Behold the heaven, and the heaven of heavens; the deep, and the earth, and all that therein is, shall be moved when he shall visit¹².

His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; and all dominions shall serve and obey him¹³.

All nations whom he hath made shall come and worship before him; and shall glorify his name¹⁴.

Every knee shall bow to him, and every tongue shall confess to God ¹⁵.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children—Walk as children of light;—and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them ¹⁶.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment ¹⁷.”

Set your affections on things above, and not on things of the earth ¹⁸.

“Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal ¹⁹.”

Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap: for he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting ²⁰.

Be ye therefore not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God ²¹.

Walk while ye have light, lest darkness come upon you ²².

Be ye steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye

know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord ²³.

“ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven ²⁴.”

Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God ²⁵.

Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus ²⁶.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live we live unto the Lord; or whether we die we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore or die we are the Lord's ²⁷.

For the love of Christ constraineth us, who died for all; that they which live should not, henceforth, live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again ²⁸.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God ²⁹.

The grace of God, that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men; teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world ³⁰.

1. Faith and Trust in God.

THE Lord reigneth, the Lord is clothed with majesty, the Lord is clothed with strength ³¹.

He has been our refuge in all generations ³².

There is none besides him, neither is there any rock like our God ³³.

Who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock, save our God ³⁴?

His mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and his faithfulness unto the clouds ³⁵.

The Lord is the confidence of all the ends of the world; and of them that are afar off upon the sea ³⁶.

There is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against him ³⁷.

The Lord killeth and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up. The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich: he bringeth low and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory; for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them ³⁸.

Far be it from God that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty that he should commit iniquity. For the work of a man shall

he render unto him; and cause every man to find according to his ways³⁹.

Yea surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment. Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world⁴⁰?

God is not a man that he should lie, neither the son of man that he should repent. Hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good⁴¹.

Know that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments for a thousand generations⁴².

Look at the generations of old and see, did any ever trust in the Lord and was confounded? Did any abide in his fear, and was forsaken? Or whom did he ever despise that called upon him⁴³?

There shall no evil happen unto them that fear the Lord; but in temptation he will deliver them⁴⁴.

None of them that trust in the Lord shall be desolate⁴⁵.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as the Mount Sion, which cannot be removed, but standeth fast for ever⁴⁶.

God giveth power unto the faithful, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength⁴⁷.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord : he is their strength in the time of trouble ; the Lord shall help them and deliver them : he shall deliver them from the wicked and shall save them, because they trust in him ⁴⁸.

Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him ; and upon them that put their trust in his mercy : to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine ⁴⁹.

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put their trust in him ; and all they that are true of heart shall be glad ⁵⁰.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked : but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him on every side ⁵¹.

Thus saith the Lord—" Leave thy fatherless children I will preserve them alive, and let thy widow trust in me ⁵²."

He hath been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones was as a storm against the wall ⁵³.

Blessed is the man that hath the God of Jacob for his help ; and whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth ; the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever ⁵⁴.

Blessed is the man that setteth his hope in the

Lord; and turneth not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies⁵⁵.

Trust thou in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths⁵⁶.

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established⁵⁷.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart⁵⁸.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed⁵⁹.

Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy heart's desire: commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him, and he shall bring it to pass⁶⁰.

Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee that thou possess the land: when the ungodly perish thou shalt see it⁶¹.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put any confidence in man: it is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in princes⁶².

Thus saith the Lord, "Cursed be man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm; and whose heart departeth from the Lord: for he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good comes⁶³."

How hath God helped him that was without

power? How hath he saved the arm that had no strength? How hath he counselled him that had no wisdom⁶⁴?

Marvel not at the works of sinners; but trust in the Lord, and abide in thy labour: for it is an easy thing, in the sight of the Lord, on the sudden to make a poor man rich⁶⁵.

Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh: for the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken⁶⁶.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; for they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good⁶⁷.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord; he is your helper and defender⁶⁸.

Put your trust in God alway, ye people; pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope⁶⁹.

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear even though the earth be moved; and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof rage and swell; and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same⁷⁰.

He will be our guide even unto death⁷¹.

Trust ye, therefore, in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength⁷².

God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands: neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing—he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things⁷³.

Every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning⁷⁴.

“ Therefore take no thought for your life, saying what ye shall eat? or what ye shall drink? or wherewithal shall ye be clothed? for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you⁷⁵. ”

Cast all your care upon him, for he careth for you⁷⁶.

Be ye followers of them, who through faith and patience inherit the promises⁷⁷.

Look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal⁷⁸.

We are saved by hope: but hope that is seen, is not hope: for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for: But if we hope for that we see not, then do we, with patience, wait for it⁷⁹.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for: the evidence of things not seen⁸⁰.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him⁸¹.

To him that believeth in him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness⁸².

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ⁸³.

By grace are we saved through faith⁸⁴.

But faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone⁸⁵.

By works faith is made perfect⁸⁶.

Add therefore to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly-kindness; and to brotherly-kindness, charity⁸⁷.

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ⁸⁸.

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God⁸⁹?

He that believeth not God, hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that

God hath given to us eternal life: and this life is in his Son⁹⁰.

He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son hath not life⁹¹.

A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ⁹².

By him all that believe are justified from all things, from which they could not be justified by the law of Moses⁹³.

Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth⁹⁴.

Through his name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins⁹⁵.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God⁹⁶.

This is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ⁹⁷.

He is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him; seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them⁹⁸.

That whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life⁹⁹.

“He that believeth in me (saith Christ), though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die¹⁰⁰.”

“He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall

not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life ¹⁰¹."

" I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life ¹⁰²."

" Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest to your souls ¹⁰³."

" Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life ¹⁰⁴."

" If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it ¹⁰⁵."

" Blessed are ye when men revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven ¹⁰⁶."

" Whosoever shall be ashamed of me, and of my words,—of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father, with the holy angels ¹⁰⁷."

“ He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him : the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him at the last day ¹⁰⁸. ”

How then shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation ¹⁰⁹ ?

See then ye refuse not him that speaketh ; for if they escaped not who refused him that spake, on earth, much more shall not we escape if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven ¹¹⁰.

Examine yourselves, therefore, whether ye be in the faith : prove your ownelves : know ye not your ownelves how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates ¹¹¹.

Beware lest any man deceive you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ ¹¹².

Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes ¹¹³.

Avoid profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science, falsely so called : which some professing have erred concerning the faith ¹¹⁴.

Strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers ¹¹⁵.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life ¹¹⁶.

For the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from

heaven, with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power ¹¹⁷.

2. *Obedience and Submission to God.*

SERVE the Lord with all thine heart, and with all thy soul ¹¹⁸.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths ¹¹⁹.

He that serveth the Lord shall be accepted with favour, and his prayer shall reach unto the clouds ¹²⁰.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit ¹²¹.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off ¹²².

My son, let not these things depart from thine eyes: keep the laws and counsel of God, then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble: when thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid; yea thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet ¹²³.

The world passeth away and the lust thereof;

but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever ¹²⁴.

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For, if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straitway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he, being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed ¹²⁵.

For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified ¹²⁶.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it ¹²⁷.

“ Not every one (saith Christ) that saith unto me ‘ Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven ¹²⁸.

“ Whosoever heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: he is like a man, which builded an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock; and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house; and could not shake it, because it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth and doeth not, is like a man that, without a foundation, builded an house upon the earth;

against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great¹²⁹.

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh: for if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven¹³⁰.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in, through the gates, into the city¹³¹.

Be thou faithful unto death, and Christ will give thee a crown of life¹³².

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth¹³³.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath prepared for them that love him¹³⁴.

If ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye:—for it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing¹³⁵.

This is thank worthy, if a man, for conscience towards God, endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye take it patiently? but if, when ye

do well and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God ¹³⁶.

If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf ¹³⁷.

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time ¹³⁸.

3. *The Fear and Love of God.*

FEAR God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil ¹³⁹.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him ¹⁴⁰.

The fear of the Lord is all wisdom: and in all wisdom is the perfection of the law, and the knowledge of his omnipotency ¹⁴¹.

He that hath small understanding and feareth, is better than one that hath much wisdom and transgresseth the law of the Most High ¹⁴².

Let thy glorying, therefore, be in the fear of the Lord ¹⁴³.

Fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and truth ¹⁴⁴.

They that fear the Lord will not disobey his word; and they that love him will keep his ways ¹⁴⁵.

They that fear the Lord, will seek that which is pleasing unto him ¹⁴⁶.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that keep his commandments ¹⁴⁷.

Ye that fear the Lord, believe in him, and your reward shall not fail ¹⁴⁸.

Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good, and for everlasting joy and mercy ¹⁴⁹.

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge ¹⁵⁰.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death ¹⁵¹.

The fear of the Lord is honour, and glory, and and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing ¹⁵².

The fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction; and faith and meekness are his delight ¹⁵³.

The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart, and giveth joy and gladness ¹⁵⁴.

The fear of the Lord driveth away sins, and where it is present it turneth away wrath ¹⁵⁵.

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied: he shall not be visited with evil ¹⁵⁶.

Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief ¹⁵⁷.

Whoso feareth the Lord shall not fear nor be afraid, for he is his hope ¹⁵⁸.

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith ¹⁵⁹.

Blessed is the soul of him that feareth the Lord: to whom doth he look? and who is his strength? The eyes of the Lord are upon them that love him, he is their mighty protection and strong stay ¹⁶⁰.

O, how plentiful is the goodness of the Lord, which he hath laid up for them that fear him; and which he hath prepared for them that put their trust in him ¹⁶¹.

Whoso feareth the Lord it shall go well with him at the last, and he shall find favour at the day of his death ¹⁶².

Who would not fear the King of nations ¹⁶³?

The merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children: even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them ¹⁶⁴.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints; for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful ¹⁶⁵.

Love the Lord your God, and walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, and cleave unto him, and serve him with all your heart and with all your soul ¹⁶⁶.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all

thy strength: this is the first and great commandment¹⁶⁷.

Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed, and in truth¹⁶⁸.

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous¹⁶⁹.

If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema maranatha¹⁷⁰.

“ He that hath my commandments (saith Christ) and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him¹⁷¹.

“ He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me¹⁷². ”

Set your affections on things above, and not on things of the earth¹⁷³.

Be ye followers of God, and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us¹⁷⁴.

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him¹⁷⁵.

In every nation he that feareth God, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him¹⁷⁶.

“ Fear not them which kill the body, and are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell¹⁷⁷. ”

4. *The Praise and Worship of God; and of
Thanksgiving and Prayer to him.*

O PRAISE our God, ye people: make the voice of his praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved ¹⁷⁸.

Let heaven and earth praise the Lord; the sea and all that moveth therein ¹⁷⁹.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:—for the Lord cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth ¹⁸⁰.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his that do his pleasure. O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion ¹⁸¹.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his name: make his praise to be glorious ¹⁸².

Praise the Lord; sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage. For the word of the Lord is true, and all his works are faithful ¹⁸³.

Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth: sing praises unto the Lord, who sitteth in the heavens, over all from the beginning—Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel: his worship and strength are in the clouds. O God, wonderful art thou, in thy holy places: the God of

Israel: he it is that giveth strength unto his people: blessed be God ¹⁸⁴.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, ascribe unto the Lord worship and power, ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his name. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Tell it out that the Lord is king: and that it is he who made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously ¹⁸⁵.

Give glory to the Lord, your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains; and lest, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death ¹⁸⁶.

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his name, for it is lovely ¹⁸⁷.

It is good to praise God, and exalt his name, and honourably to show forth the works of God: therefore be not slack to praise him ¹⁸⁸.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto the name of the Most High: to show forth his loving-kindness in the morning, and his faithfulness every night ¹⁸⁹.

One generation shall praise his works to another:—and make known to the sons of men, his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom ¹⁹⁰.

All the ends of the world shall remember and

turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations ¹⁹¹.

For who in heaven can be compared unto the Lord? Who, among the sons of the mighty, can be likened unto him ¹⁹².

Let the people praise thee, O Lord; let all the people praise thee: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth ¹⁹³.

Let them offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and tell out his works with gladness ¹⁹⁴.

Let them show to the generations to come, the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done ¹⁹⁵.

O, go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious: his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation ¹⁹⁶.

Praise the Lord with your whole heart and mouth, and bless the name of the Lord ¹⁹⁷.

O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker ¹⁹⁸.

Let us lift our hearts, and our hands, unto God in the heavens ¹⁹⁹.

Let us go into the house of God, and he will teach us of his ways²⁰⁰.

Keep thy foot when thou goest into the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil²⁰¹.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few²⁰².

Bless the Lord thy God alway, and desire of him that thy ways may be directed, and that thy paths and counsels may prosper²⁰³.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God²⁰⁴.

Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord, and observe to do all the words of his law; and that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord their God, as long as they live²⁰⁵.

Make your prayer before the Lord your God, that ye may turn from your iniquities, and understand his truth²⁰⁶.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, yea all such as call upon him faithfully²⁰⁷.

The prayer of the upright is his delight²⁰⁸.

But if we regard iniquity in our heart, the Lord will not hear us²⁰⁹.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel; who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen²¹⁰.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power: for thou hast created all things²¹¹.

Let us then serve God with reverence and godly fear²¹².

The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth²¹³.

Let us consider one another to provoke unto love, and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together²¹⁴.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God, and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ²¹⁵.

By him let us offer the sacrifice of praise

continually to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name²¹⁶.

Praise our God, all ye his servants, and all ye that fear him, both small and great²¹⁷.

Be filled with the spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs; singing and making melody in your heart unto the Lord²¹⁸.

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers²¹⁹.

“Where two or three (saith Christ) are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them²²⁰.”

“Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask any thing in my name I will do it²²¹.”

This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him²²².

“Ask, and it shall be given you: seek and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened²²³.

Be careful for nothing, but, in every thing, by

by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God ²²⁴.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God; and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in his sight ²²⁵.

We know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth ²²⁶.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving ²²⁷.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint ²²⁸.

Ye fight and war; yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts ²²⁹.

Is any man among you afflicted, let him pray ²³⁰.

Pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you ²³¹.

Pray for one another, that ye may be healed: the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much ²³².

When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly ²³³.

5. *Sincerity, Zeal, and Perseverance in moral and religious Duties.*

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good ²³⁴.

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him ²³⁵.

Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man ²³⁶.

Therefore, fear the Lord thy God, and serve him in sincerity and truth ²³⁷.

Set your heart, and your soul, to seek the Lord your God ²³⁸.

Take heed to thyself to keep thy soul diligently ²³⁹.

Keep thine heart with diligence, for out of it are the issues of life ²⁴⁰.

What doth the Lord thy God require of thee but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul ²⁴¹.

Keep mercy and judgment, and wait on God continually ²⁴².

Wait on the Lord, and keep his ways, and he shall exalt thee ²⁴³.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked

ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity ²⁴⁴.

But all the upright in heart shall glory ²⁴⁵.

Speaking the truth in love, grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ ²⁴⁶.

But beware of hypocrisy, for there is nothing hid that shall not be known ²⁴⁷.

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth ²⁴⁸.

Walk as children of light,—proving what is acceptable unto the Lord ²⁴⁹.

Let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ ²⁵⁰.

As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy, in all manner of conversation, because it is written, “Be ye holy, for I am holy ²⁵¹.”

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven ²⁵².”

Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God ²⁵³.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil ²⁵⁴.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong ²⁵⁵.

Give diligence to make your calling and election sure²⁵⁶.

Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day; and, having done all, to stand—For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world²⁵⁷.

Be ready to every good work²⁵⁸.

Be diligent, that ye may be found of God without spot, and blameless²⁵⁹.

Prove all things, hold fast that which is good²⁶⁰.

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints²⁶¹.

Walk worthy of the Lord, unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God²⁶².

Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel²⁶³.

Be followers of them, who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises²⁶⁴.

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling—that ye may be blameless, and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke²⁶⁵.

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour²⁶⁶.

“ Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many will seek to enter in and shall not be able²⁶⁷. ”

Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life ²⁶⁸.

Always abound in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord ²⁶⁹.

“ Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning, and ye yourselves like men that wait for their Lord. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching ²⁷⁰. ”

Continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye have heard ²⁷¹.

Abide in Christ, that, when he shall appear, ye may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming ²⁷².

Let your love abound yet more and more, in knowledge and in all judgment,—that ye may be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are, by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God ²⁷³.

Go on unto perfection ²⁷⁴.

Seek that ye may excel ²⁷⁵.

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ²⁷⁶.

Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to pa-

tience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity²⁷⁷.

For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ²⁷⁸.

But he that lacketh these things, is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure²⁷⁹.

Beware lest, being led away by the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own steadfastness²⁸⁰.

Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall²⁸¹.

Let us walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise²⁸².

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering²⁸³.

Let us not be weary of well doing: for, in due season, we shall reap if we faint not²⁸⁴.

Let us run, with patience, the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God²⁸⁵.

6. *Forsaking Sin, and Amendment of Life.*

WE have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God ²⁸⁶.

Our iniquities are increased over our heads; and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens ²⁸⁷.

In truth there is no man among them that be born, but hath dealed wickedly; and among the faithful there is not one that hath not done amiss ²⁸⁸.

Our transgressions are multiplied before God, and our sins testify against us ²⁸⁹.

Surely it is meet to say unto God,—“ If I have done iniquity, I will do so no more ²⁹⁰.”

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy ²⁹¹.

“ Return unto me, and I will return to you,” saith the Lord of Hosts ²⁹².

“ Turn ye even unto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God ²⁹³.”

“ Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways,” saith the Lord ²⁹⁴.

“ Cast away from you all your transgressions,

and make you a new heart, and a new spirit: for why will ye die? I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth (saith the Lord God), wherefore turn yourselves and live ye ²⁹⁵."

Acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God ²⁹⁶.

Turn from your evil ways, and from your evil doings ²⁹⁷.

If ye turn to the Lord with your whole heart, and with your whole mind, and deal uprightly before him, then will he turn to you, and will not hide his face from you ²⁹⁸.

If ye shall bethink yourselves, and make supplication unto the Lord, saying, "We have sinned and done perversely, we have committed wickedness," and so return unto the Lord, with all your heart, and with all your soul, then the Lord will hear your prayer and your supplication ²⁹⁹.

Turn to the Lord and say unto him, "Take away all our iniquity, and receive us graciously ³⁰⁰."

Repent, and turn yourselves from your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin ³⁰¹.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon ³⁰².

When a righteous man turneth away from his

righteousness, and committeth iniquity and doeth it; for his iniquity that he hath committed, shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive³⁰³.

If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he hath robbed, and walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity, he shall surely live, he shall not die³⁰⁴.

All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done shall he live³⁰⁵.

My son, hast thou sinned? Do so no more, but ask pardon for thy former sins³⁰⁶.

Humble thyself before thou be sick; and in the time of sins shew repentance³⁰⁷.

Depart from evil, and do good, and dwell for ever more³⁰⁸.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered³⁰⁹.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness³¹⁰.

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us³¹¹.

If we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins; but a certain fearful looking for of judgment, and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries ³¹².

Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out ³¹³.

Repent, and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance ³¹⁴.

The Lord is long-suffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance ³¹⁵.

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive, with meekness, the engrafted word which is able to save your souls ³¹⁶.

Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good ³¹⁷.

Abstain from all appearance of evil ³¹⁸.

Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity ³¹⁹.

Flee youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord, out of a pure heart ³²⁰.

Be afflicted, ye sinners, and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into weeping, and your joy to heaviness ³²¹.

He that will love life and see good days, let him eschew evil and do good; let him seek peace and ensue it: for the eyes of the Lord are over

the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil ³²².

God commandeth all men, every where to repent; because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained ³²³.

Therefore yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God ³²⁴.

As you have yielded your members servants to uncleanness, and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness ³²⁵.

Put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt, according to deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and put on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness ³²⁶.

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CHAP. VI.

THE TWO CHRISTIAN SACRAMENTS; BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

BAPTISM WAS ENFORCED.

1. *By the Example of Christ.*

JESUS made and baptized more disciples than John ¹.

Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judea, and there he tarried and baptized ².

When there arose a question, between some of John's disciples and the Jews, about purifying, they came unto John and said unto him, " Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come unto him ³."

2. *By the Command of Christ.*

" Go ye (says he to the apostles) and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ⁴."

" He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved ⁵."

" Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God ⁶."

3. *By the Example of his Disciples.*

JOHN baptized before the ministry of Christ⁷.

John baptized Jesus in the river Jordan⁸.

When the Samaritans believed Philip, preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized by him both men and women⁹.

Philip baptized the eunuch¹⁰.

Ananias baptized Saul¹¹.

Peter baptized the household of Cornelius. Paul and Silas baptized the gaoler and his family¹².

Paul baptized the disciples at Ephesus¹³.
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4. *By the Exhortations of the Apostles.*

REPENT and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins¹⁴.

Baptism doth now save us—by the resurrection of Jesus Christ¹⁵.

As many as have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, have put on Christ¹⁶.

Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized unto Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him, by baptism, unto death: that, like as Christ was

raised up from the dead, by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life:—for he that is dead is freed from sin¹⁷.

There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all¹⁸.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

1. *This Sacrament was instituted by Jesus Christ.*

As he was eating the passover with his disciples, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body.” And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins¹⁹.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you (saith Christ to the Jews), except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him²⁰.”

2. *It was enforced by the Exhortations of the Apostles, and the Example of the early Christians.*

THOSE who were baptized after the miraculous conversion at the feast of Pentecost, are said to have continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers²¹.

Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, we are told that Paul preached unto them²².

“The cup of blessing which we bless (says St. Paul to the Corinthians) is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ²³?”

“I have received of the Lord (he says in the next chapter) that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus, the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it and said, ‘Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.’ And, after the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, ‘This cup is the New Testament in my blood: do this, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as ye eat

this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come: wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body ²⁴."

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CHAP. VII.

THE GENERAL DUTIES OF MANKIND TOWARD
EACH OTHER.

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1. *Peace, Union, and Love; Contention, Division, and Hatred.*

THOU shalt love thy neighbour as thyself¹.

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people².

He that revengeth shall find vengeance from the Lord, who will surely keep his sins in remembrance³.

Admonish a friend, it may be he hath not done it; and, if he have, that he do it no more. Admonish a friend; for many times it is a slander; and believe not every tale⁴.

Forgive thy neighbour the hurt that he hath done thee; so shall thy sins be forgiven when thou prayest⁵.

He that requiteth good turns is mindful of that which may come hereafter; and when he falleth, he shall find a stay⁶.

One man beareth hatred against another; and doth he seek pardon from the Lord? He hath shewed no mercy to a man, which is like him-

self; and doth he ask forgiveness of his own sins⁷?

Hatred stirreth up strife; but love covereth all sins⁸.

Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm⁹.

It is an honour to a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be meddling¹⁰.

The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water; therefore leave off contention before it be meddled with¹¹.

As coals to burning coals, and as wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife¹².

He that hath no rule over his spirit, is like a city that is broken down, and without walls¹³.

Abstain from strife, and thou shalt diminish thy sins¹⁴.

Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity¹⁵!

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox, and hatred therewith¹⁶.

Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife¹⁷.

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself¹⁸.

“This is my commandment (saith Christ) that ye love one another as I have loved you.”—“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another¹⁹.”

Ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.—It is the message that we have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another ²⁰.

Beloved, if God so loved us that he sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins, we ought also to love one another ²¹.

Let love be without dissimulation ²².

Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed, and in truth ²³.

If any man say “ I love God,” and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen ²⁴?

Be therefore kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love ²⁵.

For love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love ²⁶.

As much as in you lieth live peaceably with all men ²⁷.

Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another. Love as brethren; not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but, contrariwise blessing ²⁸.

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and towards all ²⁹.

In malice be ye (as) children; but in understanding be men³⁰.

Be at peace among yourselves: be patient towards all³¹.

Be ye kind to one another, tender hearted; forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you³².

As ye have opportunity do good unto all men³³.

Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but, in lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves³⁴.

Speak evil of no man: be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men³⁵.

“Whosoever is (even) angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment³⁶.”

Let therefore all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice³⁷.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated³⁸.

Let us then follow after the things which make for peace³⁹.

For we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members, one of another⁴⁰.

Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the

same thing: endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace ⁴¹.

Let us stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel ⁴².

“ I beseech you, brethren (says St. Paul), by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment ⁴³. ”

The God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one towards another, according to Christ Jesus; that ye may, with one mind and one mouth, glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ⁴⁴.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, “ Vengeance is mine: I will repay,” saith the Lord ⁴⁵.

“ If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way: first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift ⁴⁶. ”

“ Judge not that ye be not judged. For, with what judgment ye judge shall ye be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again ⁴⁷.

“ If ye forgive men their trespasses, your

heavenly father will also forgive you: but, if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses ⁴⁸.”

“ If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him, and if he repent forgive him: and if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn to thee again, saying, ‘ I repent,’ forgive thou him ⁴⁹.”

“ Ye have heard it said, ‘ an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth;’ but I say unto you (saith Christ) that ye resist not evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any man sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also ⁵⁰.”

“ Ye have heard that it hath been said, ‘ Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.’ But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you: that ye may be the children of your Father, which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just, and on the unjust ⁵¹.”

2. *Friendship.*

BE at peace with many: nevertheless, have but one counsellor of a thousand ⁵².

A faithful friend is a strong defence; and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure ⁵³.

Nothing can countervail a faithful friend; and his excellence is invaluable ⁵⁴.

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother ⁵⁵.

A friend cannot be known in prosperity; and an enemy cannot be hidden in adversity ⁵⁶.

If thou wouldest get a friend, prove him first; and be not hasty to credit him: for some man is a friend for his own occasion, and will not abide in the day of thy trouble ⁵⁷.

Every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts ⁵⁸.

Some friend is a companion at the table; and will not continue in the day of thy affliction, but, in thy prosperity, he will be as thyself, and will be bold over thy servants: if thou be brought low he will be against thee, and will hide himself from thy face ⁵⁹.

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend forsake not ⁶⁰.

Forsake not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him. A new friend is as new wine; when it is old thou shalt drink of it with pleasure ⁶¹.

3. *Mercy and Compassion; Cruelty and Oppression.*

LET not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the tablet of thine heart: so shalt thou find favour and good understanding, in the sight of God and man⁶².

Have patience with a man of poor estate, and delay not to shew him mercy⁶³.

Execute true judgment: and shew mercy and compassion every man to his brother⁶⁴.

Let it not grieve thee to bow down thine ear unto the poor; and give him a friendly answer with meekness⁶⁵.

Be as a father unto the fatherless; and instead of an husband unto the widow⁶⁶.

Defend the poor and fatherless; and see that the afflicted and needy have right. Deliver the poor and needy: save them from the hand of the wicked⁶⁷.

Fail not to be with them that weep; and to mourn with them that mourn⁶⁸.

Mercy is seasonable in time of affliction, as clouds of rain in the time of drought⁶⁹.

My son, defraud not the poor of his living, and make not the eyes of the needy to wait long⁷⁰.

Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither

oppress the afflicted in the gate. For the Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them ⁷¹.

A poor man that oppresseth the poor, is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food ⁷².

Oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother ⁷³.

He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches shall surely come to want ⁷⁴.

If thou have a servant do unto him as unto thyself: intreat him as a brother ⁷⁵.

Deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor ⁷⁶.

Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways: for he is an abomination to the Lord ⁷⁷.

If thou see the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth ⁷⁸.

The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh ⁷⁹.

“Be ye merciful as your Father also is merciful ⁸⁰.”

For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy ⁸¹.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy ⁸².”

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them that suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body ⁸³.

Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another. Love as brethren ⁸⁴.

4. *Justice and Honesty; Injustice and Dishonesty.*

WITHHOLD not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it ⁸⁵.

That which is altogether just thou shalt follow ⁸⁶.

To do justice and judgment is more acceptable unto the Lord than sacrifice ⁸⁷.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance doth behold the upright ⁸⁸.

Devise not evil against thy neighbour ⁸⁹.

Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart out of his house ⁹⁰.

Say not, "I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to every man according to his work ⁹¹."

"If a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right; hath not oppressed any, hath spoiled none by violence, hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, and hath executed true judgment between man and man: he shall surely live," saith the Lord God ⁹².

As thou hast done it shall be done to thee: thy reward shall be upon thine own head⁹³.

Deliver him that suffereth wrong from the hand of the oppressor; and be not faint-hearted when thou sittest in judgment⁹⁴.

It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment:—for, for a piece of bread that man will transgress⁹⁵.

Woe unto them which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him⁹⁶.

He that saith to the wicked, thou art righteous, him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him. But to them to that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them⁹⁷.

He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just: even they both are an abomination to the Lord⁹⁸.

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment⁹⁹.

Thou shalt not covet any thing that is thy neighbour's¹⁰⁰.

Thou shalt not steal¹⁰¹.

Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him¹⁰².

Set not thine heart upon goods unjustly gotten; for they shall not profit thee in the day of calamity ¹⁰³.

Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith it is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer ¹⁰⁴.

Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor or needy: at his day thou shalt give him his hire ¹⁰⁵.

Enter not into the fields of the fatherless: for their Redeemer is mighty; he shall defend their cause against thee ¹⁰⁶.

Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds: and that covet fields, and take them away by violence; and houses and take them away ¹⁰⁷.

Woe unto them that build their house by unrighteousness, and their chambers by wrong: that use their neighbour's service without wages, and give him not for his work ¹⁰⁸.

Let not thine hand be stretched out to receive when thou shouldest repay ¹⁰⁹.

Some, when a thing is lent to them, reckon it to be found; and put them to trouble that helped them. Many therefore have refused to lend for other men's ill dealing; fearing to be defrauded ¹¹⁰.

Pay thy neighbour in due season: keep thy word, and deal faithfully with him, and thou

shalt always find the thing that is necessary for thee ¹¹¹.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour ¹¹².

For a false witness shall not be unpunished; and he that speaketh lies shall not escape ¹¹³.

If thou sell aught unto thy neighbour, or buy aught of thy neighbour's hands, ye shall not oppress one another ¹¹⁴.

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in mete-yard, weight, or in measure ¹¹⁵.

Divers weights are an abomination to the Lord; and a false balance is not good ¹¹⁶.

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord; but a just weight is his delight ¹¹⁷.

Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. But thou shalt have a perfect and a just weight; a perfect and just measure shalt thou have. For all that do unrighteously in such things, are an abomination to the Lord ¹¹⁸.

“ Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets ¹¹⁹.”

Render to all their dues: tribute to whom tri-

bute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour ¹²⁰.

Let no man go beyond or defraud his brother in any matter; because the Lord is the avenger of all such ¹²¹.

Servants be obedient, not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity ¹²².

Neither thieves nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God ¹²³.

Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth ¹²⁴.

He that doeth wrong, shall receive for the wrong that he hath done ¹²⁵.

Why do ye not rather take wrong than do wrong to your brethren ¹²⁶.

“ He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches ¹²⁷ ?”

5. *Sincerity and Truth; Hypocrisy and Falsehood.*

A FLATTERING mouth worketh ruin ¹²⁸.

He that dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; when he speaketh fair

words believe him not: for there are seven (very many) abominations in his heart ¹²⁹.

Burning lips, and a wicked heart, are like a potsherd covered with silver dross ¹³⁰.

A man that flattereth his neighbour, spreadeth a net for his feet ¹³¹.

He that saith unto the wicked thou art righteous; him shall the people curse: nations shall abhor him ¹³².

Be not a hypocrite, and take good heed what thou speakest ¹³³.

Winnow not with every wind, and go not into every way: for so doth the sinner that hath a double tongue. Be stedfast in thy understanding, and let thy word be the same ¹³⁴.

What is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him ¹³⁵?

The Lord shall destroy them which speak peace to their neighbours, whilst mischief is in their hearts ¹³⁶.

Keep therefore thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile ¹³⁷.

In no wise speak against the truth ¹³⁸.

Devise not a lie against thy brother: neither do the like to thy friend ¹³⁹.

Use not any manner of lie; for the custom thereof is not good ¹⁴⁰.

The disposition of a liar is dishonourable; and shame is ever with him ¹⁴¹.

A lie is a foul blot in a man, yet it is continually in the mouth of the untaught ¹⁴².

As a madman who casteth firebrands, arrows and death; so is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, "Am I not in sport ¹⁴³?"

A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it ¹⁴⁴.

A thief is better than a man that is accustomed to lie: but they both shall have destruction to heritage ¹⁴⁵.

The Lord shall destroy them that speak leasing ¹⁴⁶.

A false witness shall not be unpunished; and he that speaketh lies shall not escape ¹⁴⁷.

The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment ¹⁴⁸.

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight ¹⁴⁹.

A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways ¹⁵⁰.

"Woe unto you, hypocrites, which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel ¹⁵¹!"

"Woe unto you, which devour widows' houses, and, for a pretence, make long prayers ¹⁵²!"

"Ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but are within

full of dead men's bones, and all uncleanness. Ye outwardly appear righteous unto men; but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity ¹⁵³."

Putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour; for we are members one of another ¹⁵⁴.

Speak the truth in love ¹⁵⁵.

Lie not one to another, seeing ye have put off the old man, with his deeds ¹⁵⁶.

All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth as with fire and brimstone ¹⁵⁷.

6. *Candour.*

JUDGE not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned ¹⁵⁸.

With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again ¹⁵⁹.

Speak not evil one of another. He that speaketh evil of his brother and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law. Who art thou that judgest another ¹⁶⁰?

Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God ¹⁶¹.

Every one of us shall give account of himself

to God: let us not, therefore, judge one another ¹⁶².

Thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest, seeing thou that judgest doest the same things; for wherein thou judgest another thou condemnest thyself. And thinkest thou, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God ¹⁶³?

“Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother’s eye ¹⁶⁴.”

7. *Tale-bearing and Slander.*

A TALE-BEARER revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter ¹⁶⁵.

If thou hast heard a word, let it die with thee; and be bold, it will not burst thee ¹⁶⁶.

A fool travaileth with a word, as a woman in labour of a child ¹⁶⁷.

The heart of fools is in their mouth; but the mouth of the wise is in their heart ¹⁶⁸.

The lips of talkers will be telling of such things as pertain not unto them; but the words of such as have understanding are weighed in the balance ¹⁶⁹.

Weigh thy words in a balance; and make a door and bar for thy mouth ¹⁷⁰.

He that can rule his tongue shall live without strife; and he that hateth babbling shall have less evil ¹⁷¹.

Rehearse not that which is told unto thee, and thou shalt never fare the worse ¹⁷².

Honour and shame rise in talk: and the tongue of man is his fall ¹⁷³.

A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends ¹⁷⁴.

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth ¹⁷⁵.

Whether it be to friend or foe, talk not of other men's lives ¹⁷⁶.

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth the matter separateth very friends ¹⁷⁷.

The whisperer and double-tongued have destroyed many that were at peace ¹⁷⁸.

A whisperer defileth his own soul, and is hated wheresoever he goes ¹⁷⁹.

Be not, therefore, called a whisperer; and lie not in wait with thy tongue: for a foul shame is upon the thief, and an evil condemnation upon the double tongue ¹⁸⁰.

Thou shalt not raise a false report ¹⁸¹.

Refrain your tongue from backbiting: for there is no word so secret, that shall go for nought; and the mouth that belbeth, slayeth the soul ¹⁸².

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword; but the tongue of the wise is health ¹⁸³.

A man of an ill tongue is dangerous in a city ¹⁸⁴.

A backbiting tongue hath pulled down strong cities; and overthrown the houses of great men. Whoso hearkeneth to it shall never rest, and never dwell quietly ¹⁸⁵.

Many have fallen by the edge of the sword; but not so many as have fallen by the tongue ¹⁸⁶.

Study to be quiet, and to do your own business ¹⁸⁷.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth ¹⁸⁸.

Speak evil of no man: be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men ¹⁸⁹.

There be which are idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also, and busy bodies, speaking things which they ought not. Let such give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully ¹⁹⁰.

3. *Benevolence and Charity.*

HE that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given he will pay him again ¹⁹¹.

He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he ¹⁹².

There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty ¹⁹³.

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor ¹⁹⁴.

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor; he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard ¹⁹⁵.

There shall no good come to him that is always occupied in evil, nor to him that giveth no alms ¹⁹⁶.

He that giveth to the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse ¹⁹⁷.

Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift, is like clouds and wind without rain ¹⁹⁸.

Say not unto thy neighbour, "Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will give," when thou hast it by thee ¹⁹⁹.

Reject not the supplication of the afflicted; neither turn away thy face from a poor man ²⁰⁰.

Add not more trouble to a heart that is vexed; and defer not to give to him that is in need ²⁰¹.

When thou hast enough remember those that hunger; and when thou art sick, think upon poverty and need ²⁰².

Turn not away thine eye from the needy, and give him none occasion to curse thee: for if he curse thee in the bitterness of his soul, his prayer shall be heard of him that made him ²⁰³.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. The Lord will comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed: he will make his bed easy during his sickness ²⁰⁴.

If thou hast abundance, give alms accordingly; and if thou have but little, be not afraid to give according to that little. For so thou layest up a good treasure for thyself, against the day of necessity ²⁰⁵.

Deal thy bread to the hungry, and bring the poor that are cast out to thy house. When thou seest the naked, clothe him; and hide not thyself from thine own flesh. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily ²⁰⁶.

Give alms of thy substance; and when thou givest alms let not thine eye be envious, neither turn thy face from any poor, and the face of God shall not be turned from thee ²⁰⁷.

Do right to the widow, judge for the fatherless, give to the poor, defend the orphan, clothe the naked, heal the broken and the weak, defend the maimed ²⁰⁸

It is better to give alms than to lay up gold ²⁰⁹.

“What mean ye that ye grind the faces of the poor?” saith the Lord of Hosts ²¹⁰.

He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, shall gather it for them that will pity the poor ²¹¹.

Lend to thy neighbour in time of his need; and (when thou borrowest) pay thy neighbour in due season ²¹².

The ungodly borroweth and payeth not again; but the righteous is merciful and liberal ²¹³.

Lay up thy treasure according to the commandments of the Most High, and it shall bring thee more profit than gold ²¹⁴.

Pure religion is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction ²¹⁵.

“Give to him that asketh; and from him that would borrow of thee turn thou not away ²¹⁶.”

“Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over. For the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again ²¹⁷.”

To do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased ²¹⁸.

Comfort the feeble minded: support the weak, and be patient towards all ²¹⁹.

Bear ye one another's burthens, and so fulfil the law of Christ ²²⁰.

Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them, and them that suffer adversity as being yourselves also in the body ²²¹.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth that his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him ²²²?

He that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly nor of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver ²²³.

Charge them that are rich in this world that they do good; that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up for themselves a good foundation against the time to come ²²⁴.

As ye have opportunity do good to all ²²⁵.

“ If ye do good only to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? For sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much

again. But do ye good, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind to the unthankful and to the evil ²²⁶."

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do, in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you they have their reward. But when thou doest thine alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. That thine alms may be in secret, and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly ²²⁷."

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CHAP. VIII.

THE RELATIVE DUTIES OF MANKIND TOWARDS EACH OTHER.

1. *The Marriage State, and the Duties of Husband and Wife.*

A MAN shall leave his father and mother, and cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh¹.

Blessed is the man that hath a virtuous wife; for the number of his days shall be double².

Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies? The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her: she will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life³.

A virtuous woman rejoiceth her husband; and he shall fulfil the years of his life in peace⁴.

But she that maketh ashamed, is as rottenness in his bones⁵.

A good wife is a good portion, which shall be given in the portion of them that fear the Lord⁶.

A prudent wife is from the Lord⁷.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her chil-

dren arise up, and call her blessed : her husband also, and he praiseth her ⁸.

An evil wife is a yoke shaken to and fro : he that hath hold of her, is as though he held a scorpion ⁹.

It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman ¹⁰.

Hast thou a wife after thy mind ? forsake her not ¹¹.

Be not jealous over the wife of thy bosom ; and teach her not a lesson against thyself ¹².

Thou shalt not commit adultery ¹³.

A man that breaketh wedlock saying in his heart, " Who seeth me ? I am compassed about with darkness ; the walls cover me, and nobody seeth me, what need I fear ? The Most High will not remember my sins." Such a man only feareth the eyes of men, and knoweth not that the eyes of the Lord are ten thousand times brighter than the sun, beholding the ways of men ¹⁴.

The wife that leaveth her husband, and bringeth in an heir by another man : because she hath disobeyed the law of the Most High, hath trespassed against her husband, and brought children by another man : her children shall take no root : she shall leave her memory to be cursed ; and her reproach shall not be blotted out ¹⁵.

Marriage is honourable in all¹⁶.

“ He that made them (mankind) from the beginning made them male and female; and said, for this cause a man shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh. Therefore they are no more twain, but one flesh¹⁷. ”

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies: he that loveth his wife loveth himself; for no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church¹⁸.

Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them¹⁹.

Dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of Christ²⁰.

Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence; and likewise the wife unto the husband²¹.

Let every one of you, in particular, so love his wife, even as himself, and the wife see that she reverence her husband²².

Let the woman learn silence, with all subjection. The woman is not suffered to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence²³.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord: for the husband is the

head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let wives be to their husbands in every thing²⁴.

Ye wives be in subjection to your own husbands: that, if any obey not the word, they also may, without the word, be won by the conversation of the wives, while they behold your chaste conversation, coupled with fear²⁵.

The woman which hath an husband that believeth not, if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him • for what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband²⁶?

If any brother have a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away: for how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife²⁷?

“Whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery²⁸.”

The woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband, so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband²⁹.

Let not the wife depart from her husband; but if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband³⁰.

2. *The Duties of Parents and Children.*

TRAIN up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it ³¹.

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod he shall not die ³².

Chasten thy son while there is hope; and let not thy soul spare for his crying ³³.

He that spareth the rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes ³⁴.

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child, left to himself, bringeth his mother to shame. Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight to thy soul ³⁵.

An horse not broken becometh headstrong; and a child, left to himself, will be wilful ³⁶.

Give him, therefore, no liberty in his youth; and wink not at his follies ³⁷.

The words which God hath commanded you, ye shall lay in your heart; and ye shall teach them diligently unto your children ³⁸.

Command thy children, and thy household after thee, to keep the way of the Lord, and to do justice and judgment ³⁹.

Hear, O children, and do thereafter, that ye may be safe ⁴⁰.

A wise son heareth his father's instruction; but a scorner heareth not rebuke⁴¹.

My son, hear thou the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother⁴².

Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee⁴³.

Honour thy father and thy mother, both in word and deed, that a blessing may come upon thee from heaven⁴⁴.

He that feareth the Lord will honour his father; and will do service unto his parents as to his masters⁴⁵.

Honour thy father with thy whole heart, and forget not the sorrows of thy mother. Remember that thou wast born of them; and how canst thou recompense them the things that they have done for thee⁴⁶?

My son, help thy father in his age, and grieve not him as long as he liveth. And if his understanding fail, have patience with him; and despise him not when thou art in thy full strength. For the relieving of thy father shall not be forgotten: and, instead of sins, it shall be added to build thee up. In the day of affliction it shall be remembered⁴⁷.

Glory not in the dishonour of thy father: for thy father's dishonour is no glory unto thee⁴⁸.

My son, despise not thy mother, but honour

her all the days of thy life, and do that which shall please her⁴⁹.

Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother⁵⁰.

He that wasteth his father, or chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame and bringeth reproach⁵¹.

Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith it is no transgression, is the companion of a destroyer⁵².

Whoso honoureth his father shall have joy of his own children; and when he maketh his prayer he shall be heard⁵³.

Honour thy father and thy mother (which is the first commandment with promise) that it may be well with thee; and that thou mayest live long on the earth⁵⁴.

Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder; and be clothed with humility⁵⁵.

Children obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right⁵⁶.

Obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing to the Lord⁵⁷.

3. *The Duties of Masters and Servants.*

THOU shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy. At his day thou shalt give him his hire⁵⁸.

Despise not the cause of thy man servant or of thy maid-servant, when they contend with thee ⁵⁹.

If thou have a servant intreat him as a brother ⁶⁰.

Let thy soul love a good servant, and defraud him not of liberty ⁶¹.

Whereas thy servant worketh truly, intreat him not evil ⁶².

Be not as a lion, nor frantic among thy servants ⁶³.

Let not the wages of any man which hath worked for thee tarry with thee, but give him it out of hand. For if thou serve God, he will also repay thee ⁶⁴.

Woe unto him that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work ⁶⁵.

“ I will come near you to judgment, and I will be a swift witness against those that oppress the hireling of his wages,” saith the Lord of Hosts ⁶⁶.

Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a master in heaven ⁶⁷.

The hire of the labourers who have reaped your fields which is of you kept back by fraud crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped enter into the ears of the Lord of Sabbaoth ⁶⁸.

And ye, masters, forbear threatening, knowing that your master also is in heaven, neither is there respect of persons with him ⁶⁹.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ. Not with eye-service, as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from their heart ⁷⁰.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man, for conscience-sake towards God, endure grief, suffering wrongfully ⁷¹.

Servants, be obedient unto your masters, and please them well in all things; not answering again, not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that you may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in 'all things' ⁷².

4. *The Duties of Subjects and Magistrates.*

MY son, fear thou the Lord and the king; and meddle not with them that are given to change; for their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knoweth the ruin of them both ⁷³?

Who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless ⁷⁴?

According to the sentence of the law which they (the rulers) shall teach thee, and according

to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do ⁷⁵.

Whosoever will not do the law of God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him: whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment ⁷⁶.

He that ruleth over men must be just; ruling in the fear of God ⁷⁷.

It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness; for the throne is established by righteousness ⁷⁸.

The prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression to thrust them out of the possession ⁷⁹.

Mercy and truth preserve the king, and his throne is upholden by mercy ⁸⁰.

Love righteousness, ye that be judges of the earth ⁸¹.

The judges shall judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. He shall not respect persons in judgment, but shall hear the small as well as the great ⁸².

Deliver him that suffereth wrong from the hand of the oppressor, and be not faint-hearted when thou sittest in judgment ⁸³.

If there be a controversy between men, and

they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them, then shall they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked ⁸⁴.

Thou shalt not take a gift; for a gift doth blind the eyes of men, and pervert the words of the righteous ⁸⁵.

Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; rid them out of the hand of the wicked ⁸⁶.

Woe unto them which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him ⁸⁷.

He that justifieth the wicked; and he that condemneth the just: even they both are an abomination to the Lord ⁸⁸.

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness, which they have prescribed; to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor, the widows and fatherless ⁸⁹.

Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with you in judgment. Wherefore let the fear of the Lord be upon you, and take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts ⁹⁰.

Honour the king ⁹¹.

Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people ⁹².

Be subject to principalities and powers: obey magistrates, and be ready to every good work ⁹³.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil ⁹⁴.

Wilt thou not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil be afraid, for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger, to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil ⁹⁵.

Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake ⁹⁶.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man, for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king as supreme, or unto governors as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well ⁹⁷.

Render unto all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour ⁹⁸.

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CHAP. IX.

THE DUTY OF MAN AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

1. *Virtue and Vice in general.*

HE that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour¹.

Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. But woe to the wicked it shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given him².

The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; and the way of the ungodly shall perish³.

The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them⁴.

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall endure for ever⁵.

They shall not be confounded in the perilous time; and in the days of dearth they shall have enough⁶.

The Lord is a buckler to them that walk uprightly⁷.

“ I have been young (says David) and now am old: and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread⁸. ”

The righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance will behold the thing that is just⁹.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing that is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hands of the ungodly¹⁰.

If thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways,—the Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, and bless all the work of thine hand¹¹.

The Lord directeth a good man's going; and delighteth in his way. Though he fall he shall not be cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand¹².

Flee from sin as from the face of a serpent: for, if thou come near, it will bite thee. The teeth thereof are as the teeth of a lion, slaying the souls of men¹³.

Do no evil, so shall no harm come unto thee¹⁴.

Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good¹⁵.

He that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing that is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart: he that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour; and hath not slandered his neighbour: he that is lowly in his own eyes, and maketh much of them that fear the Lord: he that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hinderance: he that hath not

given his money on usury, nor taken reward against the innocent: he who doeth these things shall never fall ¹⁶.

There shall no evil happen to the just; but the wicked shall be filled with mischief ¹⁷.

The ways of the ungodly are always grievous, the judgments of God are far above, out of his sight ¹⁸.

The ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor ¹⁹.

The Lord shall reward the evil doer according to his wickedness ²⁰.

“There is no peace,” saith my God, “to the wicked ²¹.”

The wicked are like a troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt ²².

If thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments, and his statutes—the Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken him ²³.

Thou shalt find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have any rest: but the Lord will give thee a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind. And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life.

In the morning thou shalt say, "Would God it were even;" and at even thou shalt say, "Would God it were morning;" for the fear of thine heart, wherewith thou shalt fear²⁴.

Hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, thou that dwellest carelessly,—thou that hast trusted in thy wickedness, and hast said, "None seeth me:"—evil shall come upon thee, and thou shalt not know from whence it ariseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee, and thou shalt not be able to put it off²⁵.

The ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands²⁶.

The ungodly hath digged a pit; and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for others²⁷.

But, in the way of the righteous is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death²⁸.

Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right; for that shall bring a man peace at the last²⁹.

Flee from evil, and do the thing which is good; and dwell for evermore³⁰.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in

the sight of men; yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastened they shall be greatly rewarded: for God hath proved them, and found them worthy of himself³¹.

The righteous live for evermore: their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them with the Most High. With his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them³².

Be glad, therefore, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; be joyful all ye that are true of heart³³.

As righteousness tendeth to life; so he that pursueth evil, pursueth it to his own death³⁴.

Seek not therefore death by the error of your life: and pull not upon yourselves destruction by the work of your own hands. For God made not death; neither hath he pleasure in the destruction of the living. But ungodly men, with their works and words, called it to them³⁵.

Delight not in the thing that the ungodly have pleasure in; but remember they shall not go unpunished to their grave³⁶.

Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth, that the triumphing of the wicked is short, and their joy but for a moment³⁷?

Wherefore do the wicked live and become old? Yea, and are mighty in power?—Their eyes at the last shall see their destruction, and they shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty ³⁸.

They are exalted for a little while, but are soon gone and brought low: they are taken out of the way, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn ³⁹.

They are like the chaff which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment ⁴⁰.

Sinners shall be consumed out of the earth; and the ungodly shall come to an end ⁴¹.

Like as the smoke vanisheth so shall the wicked be driven away; and like as wax melteth at the fire so shall the ungodly perish at the presence of God ⁴².

The Most High hateth sinners, and will repay vengeance unto the ungodly; and keepeth them against the mighty day of their punishment ⁴³.

The transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last ⁴⁴.

The congregation of the wicked is like tow wrapped together; and the end of them is a flame of fire to destroy them ⁴⁵.

They say “the Lord shall not see: neither shall the God of Jacob regard.”—O ye fools,

when will ye understand? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? or he that made the eye, shall he not see? It is he that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not punish ⁴⁶?

Say not "I have sinned, and what harm shall happen unto me?" For though the Lord is long suffering; he will in no wise let thee go ⁴⁷.

Say not "I will hide myself from the Lord, shall any remember me from above? I shall not be regarded among so many people ⁴⁸."

There is no darkness or shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves ⁴⁹.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon ⁵⁰.

When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned; in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die ⁵¹.

Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive ⁵².

Therefore repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so shall iniquity not be your ruin ⁵³.

Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good ⁵⁴.

Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness both of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God ⁵⁵.

Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity ⁵⁶.

Stand ye perfect and complete in all the will of God ⁵⁷.

“ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven ⁵⁸. ”

Prove all things: hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil ⁵⁹.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things ⁶⁰.

For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men ⁶¹.

Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness: fight the good fight of faith: lay hold on eternal life ⁶².

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God; and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ⁶³.

Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, having a good conscience; that, whereas men speak against you as evil doers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation;—and that they may, by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation⁶⁴.

2. *Humility and Pride.*

THE greater thou art, the more humble thyself, and thou shalt find favour before the Lord⁶⁵.

Many kings have sat down upon the ground; and one that was never thought of hath worn a crown⁶⁶.

Thus saith the Lord. “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom; neither let the mighty man glory in his might: let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he knoweth me, that I am the Lord, who exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth⁶⁷.”

When thou hast eaten and art full; and hast built goodly houses, and when thy flocks and thy herds multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multi-

plied,—beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God;—and that thine heart be not lifted up, and thou say not in thine heart, “*My* power, and the might of *my* hand hath gotten me this wealth⁶⁸.”

Let another praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips⁶⁹.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil⁷⁰.

Exalt not thyself lest thou fall, and bring dishonour upon thy soul⁷¹.

A man’s pride shall bring him low; but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit⁷².

When pride cometh then cometh shame; but with the lowly is wisdom⁷³.

Before honour is humility⁷⁴.

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life⁷⁵.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart; and will save such as be of an humble spirit⁷⁶.

The prayer of the humble pierceth the clouds⁷⁷.

Though the Lord be high, yet he hath respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off⁷⁸.

Surely the Lord scorneth the scorners; but he giveth grace unto the lowly⁷⁹.

He forgetteth not the cry of the humble⁸⁰.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth ⁸¹.

Better is it to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud ⁸².

A high look and a proud heart is sin ⁸³.

The beginning of pride is as when one departeth from God; and his heart is turned away from his Maker ⁸⁴.

Seest thou a man that is wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him ⁸⁵.

As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold, so is a man to his praise ⁸⁶.

Pride goeth before destruction; and an haughty spirit before a fall ⁸⁷.

Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished ⁸⁸.

The day of the Lord of Hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lifted up, and he shall be brought low—The lofty looks of men shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought down; and the Lord himself shall be exalted in that day ⁸⁹.

Pride is hateful before God and man—Why is earth and ashes proud ⁹⁰?

Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree a lie: to be laid in the balance they are altogether lighter than vanity ⁹¹.

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man that they are but vain⁹².

I say to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith⁹³.

“ Learn of me (saith Christ) for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls⁹⁴. ”

Be not wise in your own conceits, but condescend to men of low estate⁹⁵.

Let no man deceive himself: If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become (as) a fool that he may be wise: for the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.—Therefore let no man glory in men⁹⁶.

We are not sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God⁹⁷.

Therefore let us not be desirous of vain glory—for if a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself⁹⁸.

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall⁹⁹.

He that glorieth let him glory in the Lord, for not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth¹⁰⁰.

Who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive?

Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it ¹⁰¹.

Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up ¹⁰².

“When ye have done all those things that are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do ¹⁰³.”

Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder; yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility ¹⁰⁴.

Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted; but the rich in that he is made low: because, as the flower of the grass, he shall pass away ¹⁰⁵.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us all things richly to enjoy ¹⁰⁶.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ¹⁰⁷.”

3. *Meekness and Anger.*

HE that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly ¹⁰⁸.

Seest thou a man, that is hasty in his words; there is more hope of a fool than of him ¹⁰⁹.

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools ¹¹⁰.

A fool's wrath is presently known ; but a wise man covereth shame ¹¹¹.

A soft answer turneth away wrath ; but grievous words stir up anger ¹¹².

A wrathful man stirreth up strife : but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife ¹¹³.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty ; and he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city ¹¹⁴.

He that hath no rule over his spirit, is like a city that is broken down and without walls ¹¹⁵.

A stubborn heart shall fare evil at the last ; and an obstinate heart shall be laden with sorrows ¹¹⁶.

They that are of a froward heart, are an abomination to the Lord ¹¹⁷.

Make no friendship with an angry man ; and with a furious man thou shalt not go : lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul ¹¹⁸.

Put away from thee a froward heart, and perverse lips put far ¹¹⁹.

Them that are meek will the Lord guide in judgment ; and such as are gentle them shall he learn his way ¹²⁰.

As much as in you lieth live peaceably with all men ¹²¹.

What glory is it if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye take it patiently ; but if, when ye

do well and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God ¹²².

Be patient towards all men ¹²³.

Charity suffereth long and is kind;—is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil: beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things ¹²⁴.

Put off these, anger, wrath, malice;—put on meekness, long-suffering,—forbearing one another, and forgiving one another ¹²⁵.

The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men ¹²⁶.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice ¹²⁷.

Not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing ¹²⁸.

Bless and curse not ¹²⁹.

Be ye no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men ¹³⁰.

“ Learn of me (saith Christ); for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls ¹³¹.

“ Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth ¹³².

“ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, ‘ Thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you (saith Christ) that whosoever

is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment ¹³³."

Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren: the elder women as mothers, the younger as sisters ¹³⁴.

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God ¹³⁵.

4. *Contentment and Envy.*

A GOOD name is to be chosen rather than great riches ¹³⁶.

Health and good estate of body is above all gold ¹³⁷.

There are no riches above a sound body, and no joy above the joy of the heart ¹³⁸.

To labour, and to be content with what a man hath, is a sweet life ¹³⁹.

Whether a man be rich or poor, if he have a good heart toward the Lord, he shall at all times rejoice with a cheerful countenance ¹⁴⁰.

The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep ¹⁴¹.

Better is a handful with quietness, than both hands full, with travail, and vexation of spirit ¹⁴².

Better is the life of a poor man, in a mean

cottage, than delicate fare in another man's house ¹⁴³.

Better is a little, with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith ¹⁴⁴.

Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right ¹⁴⁵.

A little that the righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked ¹⁴⁶.

Will God esteem thy riches? No, not gold, nor all the forces of strength ¹⁴⁷.

When goods increase they are increased that eat of them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, save beholding them with their eyes ¹⁴⁸?

“ Give me, O Lord, (saith Solomon) neither poverty nor riches: feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, “ Who is the Lord?” or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain ¹⁴⁹. ”

Be not afraid when one is made rich, and the glory of his house is increased: for though while he liveth he blesseth his soul;—yet when he dieth he shall carry nothing away. His glory shall not descend after him ¹⁵⁰.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house;—nor any thing that is thy neighbour's ¹⁵¹.

Let not thine heart envy sinners : but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long ¹⁵².

Hold thee still in the Lord, and wait patiently for him ; but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, at the man who doeth after evil counsels ¹⁵³.

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth : lest the Lord see it, and it displease him ¹⁵⁴.

A sound heart is the life of the flesh : but envy the rottenness of the bones ¹⁵⁵.

Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous ; but who is able to stand before envy ¹⁵⁶.

Let us not envy one another ¹⁵⁷.

Learn in whatsoever state ye are, therewith to be content ¹⁵⁸.

Godliness with contentment is great gain ; for we brought nothing into this world ; and it is certain we can carry nothing out ¹⁵⁹.

“ Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with the cares of this life ¹⁶⁰. ”

Be content with such things as ye have ; for God hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee ¹⁶¹.

“ Seek ye not what ye shall eat, nor what ye shall drink : neither be ye of doubtful mind :

for your father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you ¹⁶²."

5. *Covetousness.*

THERE is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty ¹⁶³.

There is that becometh rich by his wariness, and pinching, and this is the portion of his reward: whereas he saith, "I have found rest, and now will eat continually of my goods;" and yet he knoweth not what time shall come upon him, and that he must leave those things to others, and die ¹⁶⁴.

Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine heart upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven ¹⁶⁵.

It is better to give alms than to lay up gold ¹⁶⁶.

Gold hath been the ruin of many: it is a stumbling block unto them that sacrifice unto it; and every fool shall be taken therewith ¹⁶⁷.

He that loveth gold shall not be justified; and he that followeth corruption shall have enough thereof ¹⁶⁸.

He that gathereth by defrauding his own soul, gathereth for others, that shall spend his goods riotously ¹⁶⁹.

He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, shall gather it for them that will pity the poor ¹⁷⁰.

“What mean ye that ye grind the faces of the poor?” saith the Lord of hosts ¹⁷¹.

There is not a more wicked thing than a covetous man: for such a one setteth his own soul to sale ¹⁷².

Trust not in wrong and robbery; if riches increase, set not thine heart upon them ¹⁷³.

Lay up thy treasure according to the commands of the Most High; and it shall bring thee more profit than gold ¹⁷⁴.

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also ¹⁷⁵.”

Love not the world, neither the things of the world: if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him ¹⁷⁶.

Let your conversation be without covetous-

ness; and be content with such things as ye have ¹⁷⁷.

“Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth ¹⁷⁸.”

They that will be rich fall into temptation, and a snare; and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows ¹⁷⁹.

No covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God ¹⁸⁰.

6. *Temperance and Intemperance.*

REFRAIN thyself from thine appetite. If thou givest thy soul the desires that please her, she will make thee a laughing stock to thine enemies that malign thee ¹⁸¹.

Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise ¹⁸².

Take not pleasure in much good cheer, neither be tied to the expense thereof ¹⁸³.

A labouring man that is given to drunkenness shall not be rich ¹⁸⁴.

Wine and women will make men of understanding to fall away ¹⁸⁵.

Shew not thy valiantness in wine; for wine hath destroyed many ¹⁸⁶.

Be not among wine bibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags ¹⁸⁷.

Wine measurably drunk, and in season, bringeth gladness of heart, and cheerfulness of mind; but wine, drunk with excess, maketh bitterness of the mind, with brawling and quarrelling ¹⁸⁸.

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night, till wine inflame them ¹⁸⁹.

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink: that putteth his bottle to him, and maketh him drunk ¹⁹⁰.

Look not upon the wine when it is red; when it giveth its colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder ¹⁹¹.

It is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes to drink strong drink; lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted ¹⁹².

Sound sleep cometh of moderate eating: a man riseth early, and his wits are with him: but the pain of watching, and choler, and pangs of the belly are with an insatiable man ¹⁹³.

When thou sittest to eat consider diligently what is before thee; and put a knife to thy throat if thou be a man given to appetite ¹⁹⁴.

Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine ¹⁹⁵.

“ Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life ¹⁹⁶. ”

They that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober ¹⁹⁷.

Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit ¹⁹⁸.

The works of the flesh are these: envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God ¹⁹⁹.

7. Discretion and Prudence.

KEEP thine heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life ²⁰⁰.

Be circumspect, my son, in all things thou doest; and be wise in all thy conversation ²⁰¹.

Speak, young man, if there be need of thee: and yet scarcely when thou art twice asked ²⁰².

If thou hast understanding, answer thy neighbour: if not, lay thine hand upon thy mouth ²⁰³.

There is one that keepeth silence and is found wise; and another by much babbling becometh hateful ²⁰⁴.

Some man holdeth his tongue, because he hath not to answer; and some keepeth silence, knowing his time ²⁰⁵.

He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him ²⁰⁶.

A wise man will hold his tongue till he see opportunity; but a babbler and a fool regard no time ²⁰⁷.

Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him ²⁰⁸.

To slip upon the pavement is better than to slip with the tongue ²⁰⁹.

A fool's mouth is his destruction: and his lips are the snare of his soul ²¹⁰.

In the mouth of the foolish is the rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them ²¹¹.

Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding ²¹².

Refrain not to speak when there is occasion to do good ²¹³.

But be not hasty in thy tongue; and in thy deeds slack and remiss ²¹⁴.

For death and life are in the power of the tongue ²¹⁵.

Ask counsel of all that are wise; and despise not any counsel that is profitable ²¹⁶.

But consult not with a fool, for he cannot keep counsel ²¹⁷.

Do no secret thing before a stranger; for thou knowest not what he will bring forth ²¹⁸.

He also that is hasty to give credit is light-minded ²¹⁹.

The simple believeth every word; but the prudent man looketh well to his going ²²⁰.

Have no fellowship with one that is mightier and richer than thyself; for how agree the kettle and the pot together? For if one be smitten against the other it shall be broken ²²¹.

Be not at variance with a rich man, lest he overweigh thee: for gold hath destroyed many, and perverted the hearts of kings ²²².

Strive not with a mighty man lest thou fall into his hands ²²³.

Strive not in a matter that concerneth thee not; and sit not in the judgment of sinners ²²⁴.

My son, meddle not in other men's matters ²²⁵.

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter, separateth very friends ²²⁶.

Blame not before thou hast examined the truth : understand first, and then rebuke ²²⁷.

Answer not before thou hast heard the cause : neither interrupt men in the midst of their talk ²²⁸.

Before judgment examine thyself; and in the day of visitation thou shalt find mercy ²²⁹.

Be not surety above thy power : but if thou be surety, take care to pay it ²³⁰.

He that hateth suretyship is sure ²³¹.

Give not thy son and wife, thy brother and friend, power over thee whilst thou livest, and give not thy goods to another, lest it repent thee, and thou entreat for the same again : as long as thou livest and hast breath in thee, give not thyself over to any. For it is better that thy children should seek to thee, than that thou shouldst stand to their courtesies ²³².

Whoso regardeth dreams is like him that catcheth at a shadow, and followeth after the wind ²³³.

Divinations, and soothsayings, and dreams are vain; and the heart fancieth, as a woman's in travail ²³⁴.

Dreams have deceived many; and they have failed that have put their trust in them ²³⁵.

He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile ²³⁶.

For “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh”²³⁷.

“Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment; for by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned”²³⁸.

8. *Diligence and Slothfulness.*

SEEST thou a man diligent in business? He shall stand before kings, and not before mean men²³⁹.

He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread; but he that followeth idleness is void of understanding²⁴⁰.

He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread; but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough²⁴¹.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich²⁴².

Better is he that laboureth and aboundeth in all things, than he that boasteth himself, and wanteth bread²⁴³.

He that gathereth in summer is wise; but he who sleepeth in harvest bringeth himself to poverty²⁴⁴.

The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty, only to want²⁴⁵.

Wealth gotten by vanity shall soon be diminished; but he that gathereth by labour shall increase ²⁴⁶.

In all labour there is profit; but the talk of the lips tendeth only to poverty ²⁴⁷.

The way of the slothful man is (as) a hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous lies plain before him ²⁴⁸.

The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, be it little or much ²⁴⁹.

The soul of a sluggard desireth and hath nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat ²⁵⁰.

The desire of the slothful killeth him, for his hands refuse to labour ²⁵¹.

The sluggard will not plough by reason of the cold; therefore he shall beg in harvest and have nothing ²⁵².

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger ²⁵³.

A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom; and it grieveth him to bring it to his mouth ²⁵⁴.

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof. Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it and received instruction ²⁵⁵.

How long wilt thou sleep, thou sluggard? When

wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? “ Yet a little sleep (sayest thou) a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep.” So shall poverty come upon thee as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man ²⁵⁶.

As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful man upon his bed ²⁵⁷.

Love not sleep lest thou come to poverty: open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread ²⁵⁸.

For drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags ²⁵⁹.

A slothful man is compared to the filth of a dunghill: every one that taketh him up shall shake his hand ²⁶⁰.

As vinegar to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him ²⁶¹.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise: which, having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest ²⁶².

If any man will not work, neither should he eat ²⁶³.

If any provide not for his own; and especially those of his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel ²⁶⁴.

Study to be quiet and to do your own business; and to work with your own hands ²⁶⁵.

9. *Modesty and Chastity.*

FAVOUR is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised ²⁶⁶.

A shame-faced and faithful woman is a double grace; and her continent mind cannot be valued ²⁶⁷.

A shameless woman shall be counted as a dog; but she that is shame-faced will fear the Lord ²⁶⁸.

The woman shall not wear that which appertaineth unto a man; neither shall a man put on a woman's garment. For all that do so are abomination unto the Lord ²⁶⁹.

Keep thee from an evil woman—Lust not after her beauty in thine heart—Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burnt ²⁷⁰?

Thou goest after her as an ox goeth to the slaughter, as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for thy life ²⁷¹.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God ²⁷².”

Let the holy women, who trust in God, adorn themselves with that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price ²⁷³.

Let the younger women marry, guide the house, and give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully ²⁷⁴.

Let the aged women be, in behaviour, as becometh holiness: teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient unto their own husbands; that the word of God be not blasphemed ²⁷⁵.

Let the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame-facedness and sobriety ²⁷⁶.

Flee youthful lusts ²⁷⁷.

“ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time ‘ Ye shall not commit adultery;’ but I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath already committed adultery with her in his heart ²⁷⁸. ”

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence. For which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience ²⁷⁹.

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness ²⁸⁰.

Dearly beloved, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul ²⁸¹.

Walk not as others, who, being past feeling,

have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness ²⁸².

Put off all filthy communication out of your mouth ²⁸³.

For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of some in secret ²⁸⁴.

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall ye then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid ²⁸⁵.

The Lord will reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished; but chiefly them that walk after the flesh, in the lust of uncleanness, &c ²⁸⁶.

10. *Good and bad Company.*

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners ²⁸⁷.

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed ²⁸⁸.

Cease to hear instructions that cause thee to err from the ways of knowledge ²⁸⁹.

Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief ²⁹⁰.

Go from the presence of a foolish man, when

thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge ²⁹¹.

Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go; lest thou learn his ways and get a snare to thy soul ²⁹².

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not:—walk not in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path ²⁹³.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men: avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away. For they sleep not except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day ²⁹⁴.

The congregation of the wicked is like tow wrapped together; and the end of them is a flame of fire to destroy them ²⁹⁵.

If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such a one do not eat ²⁹⁶.

Withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly ²⁹⁷.

Mark them which cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned,

and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own lusts; and, by good words and fair speeches, deceive the hearts of the simple ²⁹⁸.

If any man consent not to wholesome words, even to the words of our Lord Jesus, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness,—from such withdraw thyself ²⁹⁹.

Beloved, beware lest, being led away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own steadfastness ³⁰⁰.

11. *Riches and Poverty.*

MAN walketh in a vain shew, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them ³⁰¹.

The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up ³⁰².

The rich and the poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all ³⁰³.

When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, save beholding them with their eyes ³⁰⁴?

Let not, therefore, the rich man glory in his riches ³⁰⁵.

Set not thine heart upon thy goods, and say not, “I have enough for my life ³⁰⁶.”

Wilt thou set thine heart upon that which is

not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven³⁰⁷.

Will God esteem thy riches? No; not gold, nor all the forces of thy strength³⁰⁸.

Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom³⁰⁹.

Blessed is the rich that is found without blemish; and hath not gone after gold³¹⁰.

He that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days: and at his end shall be a fool³¹¹.

Trust not in oppression and robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them³¹².

Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth³¹³.

These are the men that made not God their strength; but trusted in the abundance of their riches³¹⁴.

There be some that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches: none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him, that he should live for ever and not see corruption³¹⁵.

There is that becometh rich by his wariness and pinching; and this is the portion of his reward: whereas he saith "I have found rest, and now will eat continually of my goods;" and yet he knoweth not what time will come upon him;

and that he must leave these things to others and die³¹⁶.

There is that scattereth and yet increaseth: there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty³¹⁷.

Be not afraid when one is made rich; when the glory of his house is increased. For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth: neither shall his pomp follow him³¹⁸.

Riches profit not in the day of wrath³¹⁹.

Better is a little, with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith³²⁰.

Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right³²¹.

Better is the poor, that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich³²².

The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich: he addeth no sorrow with it³²³.

A small thing that the righteous hath is better than great riches of the ungodly³²⁴.

Lo the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles³²⁵.

God will not accept any person against a poor man, but will hear the prayer of the oppressed. He will not despise the supplication of the fatherless, nor the widow when she poureth out her complaint³²⁶.

God accepteth not the persons of princes, nor

regardeth the rich more than the poor: for they are all the work of his hands ³²⁷.

He saveth the poor from the sword, from the mouth of the crafty, and from the hand of the mighty; that the poor may have hope, and the mouth of the oppressor may be stopped ³²⁸.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust; and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill ³²⁹.

The Lord satisfieth the empty soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness ³³⁰.

The Lord helpeth the poor out of misery; and maketh him households like a flock of sheep. The righteous will consider this and rejoice ³³¹.

“ Give me (says Solomon) neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me; lest I be full and deny thee, and say, ‘ Who is the Lord?’ Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain ³³².

“ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is there will your heart be also ³³³. ”

Set your affections on things above, and not on things of the earth ³³⁴.

“Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth ³³⁵.

They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition ³³⁶.

“Verily, I say unto you (saith Christ to his disciples) that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven ³³⁷.”

“Again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus said unto them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible ³³⁸.

12. *Prosperity and Adversity.*

PROSPERITY and adversity, life and death, poverty and riches come of the Lord ³³⁹.

Gold is tried in the fire; and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity ³⁴⁰.

Say not (in thine adversity) “What profit is there of my service? and what good things shall I have hereafter?” Again, say not, in prosperity, “I have enough, and possess many things, and

what evil can come to me hereafter?" In the day of prosperity there is a forgetfulness of affliction; and, in the day of affliction, there is no remembrance of prosperity ³⁴¹.

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly; neither be thou envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass; and be withered even as the green herb ³⁴².

13. *Duty under Affliction.*

MY son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: for whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth ³⁴³.

Shall we receive good from the hand of the Lord? and shall we not also receive evil ³⁴⁴.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty. For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole ³⁴⁵.

Sing praises unto the Lord, and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness. His wrath endureth but for a moment, and in his favour is life. Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning ³⁴⁶.

The Lord himself giveth all good things; and he humbleth whom he will, and as he will ³⁴⁷.

The judgments of the Lord are righteous; and he of very faithfulness hath afflicted us ³⁴⁸.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord: and teachest him in thy law: that thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity³⁴⁹.

Wherefore doth a living man complain; a man for the punishment of his sins³⁵⁰?

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small³⁵¹.

Whatsoever is brought upon thee take cheerfully; and be patient when thou art changed to a low estate. For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity³⁵².

When the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness³⁵³.

When the righteous are holden in cords of affliction, then God sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded: he openeth also their ear to discipline; and commandeth that they return from iniquity³⁵⁴.

“It is good for me, O Lord (says David), that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes:—before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word³⁵⁵.”

Thou shalt consider in thine heart that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee:—that he may humble thee, and prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end³⁵⁶.

Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I

have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more³⁵⁷.

But beware of murmuring, which is unprofitable³⁵⁸.

Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker.—Shall the clay say unto him that fashioneth it, “What makest thou³⁵⁹?”

It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth (to) him good³⁶⁰.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord³⁶¹.

“Although (says Habakkuk) the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall the fruit be in the vines, the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields yield no meat, the flocks shall be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls; yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation³⁶².”

Cast thy burthen upon the Lord; and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved³⁶³.

Believe in the Lord, and he will keep thee: order thy way aright, and trust in him³⁶⁴.

The Lord is good: he is (as) a strong hold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in Him³⁶⁵.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord³⁶⁶.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord?

Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God ³⁶⁷.

Call upon the Lord in the day of trouble : pour out thine heart before him : he will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify him ³⁶⁸.

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered ³⁶⁹.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea all such as call upon him faithfully. He also will hear their cry and will help them ³⁷⁰.

The Lord will not fail his people : neither will he forsake his inheritance ³⁷¹.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all them that are oppressed with wrong ³⁷².

The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down ³⁷³.

He is full of compassion and mercy, very pitiful, and saveth in time of affliction ³⁷⁴.

He is a God of the afflicted, an helper of the oppressed, an upholder of the weak, a protector of the forlorn, a Saviour of them that are without hope ³⁷⁵.

The Lord will be a defence for the oppressed ; even a refuge in the time of trouble ³⁷⁶.

He is a strength to the needy in his distress ; a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat ³⁷⁷.

He preserveth the souls of his saints : he delivereth them out of the hands of the wicked ³⁷⁸.

Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies : for he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men ³⁷⁹.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him : for he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are but dust ³⁸⁰.

He remembereth them that are in trouble ; and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor ³⁸¹.

The Lord relieveth the fatherless and widow ³⁸².

God delivereth the poor, in their affliction ; and openeth their ears in oppression ³⁸³.

“ When thou passest through the waters (saith God) I will be with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee : when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burnt, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour ³⁸⁴. ”

When the poor and needy seek for water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, the Lord will hear them, the God of Israel will not forsake them ³⁸⁵.

The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish ³⁸⁶.

In famine the Lord will redeem thee from death; and, in war, from the power of the sword ³⁸⁷.

Great are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of all.—The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute ³⁸⁸.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord. He is their strength in the time of trouble. The Lord shall help them, and deliver them. He shall deliver them from the wicked and shall save them, because they trust in him ³⁸⁹.

Take the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction with patience ³⁹⁰.

Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy ³⁹¹.

Let us look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God ³⁹².

Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth ³⁹³.

Now, no chastening for the present is joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth

the peaceable fruit of righteousness, unto them that are increased thereby ³⁹⁴.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth ³⁹⁵.

Who art thou, O man, that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, "Why hast thou made me thus?" Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour and another unto dishonour ³⁹⁶.

Sorrow not for them which are asleep, even as others, which have no hope: for if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again; even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him ³⁹⁷.

Let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing; as unto a faithful creator ³⁹⁸.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory ³⁹⁹.

Knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope ⁴⁰⁰.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able to bear; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it ⁴⁰¹.

“ Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted ⁴⁰². ”

“ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ⁴⁰³. ”

“ Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my sake (saith Christ); rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you ⁴⁰⁴. ”

“ Blessed are ye that hunger now, for ye shall be filled: blessed are ye that mourn now, for ye shall laugh ⁴⁰⁵. ”

Blessed be the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ ⁴⁰⁶.

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CHAP. X.

FUTURE REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS.

“THOSE that be dead (saith God) will I raise again from their places, and bring them out of their graves¹.”

They that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt².

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever³.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction; but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And, having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them; and found them worthy for himself⁴.

The righteous live for evermore: their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them with the Most High: Therefore they shall receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand; for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them⁵.

How are they numbered among the children of God, and their lot is among the saints⁶!

Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him⁷?

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished⁸.

“ Behold (saith the Lord) I come quickly, and

my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be⁹."

God hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead¹⁰.

"When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall be gathered before him all nations; and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats¹¹."

"He shall set the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on his left. Then shall he say unto them on his right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'—Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, 'Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels¹².'"

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal¹³."

"The Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father¹⁴."

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from hea-

ven, with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power ¹⁵.

“ He will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire ¹⁶. ”

We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad ¹⁷.

“ The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation ¹⁸. ”

“ Not every one that saith unto me ‘ Lord, Lord ’ (saith Christ), shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven ¹⁹. ”

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come ²⁰.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord :— they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them ²¹.

“ The righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father ²². ”

He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;—and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ²³.

And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. For the former things are passed away, and behold all things are made new ²⁴.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him ²⁵.

Having therefore these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit; perfecting holiness in the fear of God ²⁶.

“What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ²⁷?”

The wages of sin are death: but the gift of God eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord ²⁸.

No whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God ²⁹.

Go to now, ye rich men—(ye that have lived in pleasure on the earth and been wanton)—weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are cankered; and the rust of them shall

be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire; ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth ³⁰.

Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among men, of all their ungodly deeds, which they have ungodly committed ³¹.

Then the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains and mighty men, shall say to the mountains and rocks, "fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand ³²?"

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God ³³.

Indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish unto every soul of man that doeth evil;—but glory, honour, and peace to every man that worketh good ³⁴.

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THE CONCLUSION.

LET us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man ¹.

Whoso is wise will ponder these things, and they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord ².

O my son, let not these things depart from thine eyes: keep the laws and counsel of God, then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble: when thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid; yea thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet ³.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace, comfort your heart, and stablish you in every good word and work ⁴.

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace from

God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love⁵.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly : and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ⁶.

Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to the gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations, for the obedience of faith : to God, only wise, be glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever. Amen⁷.

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